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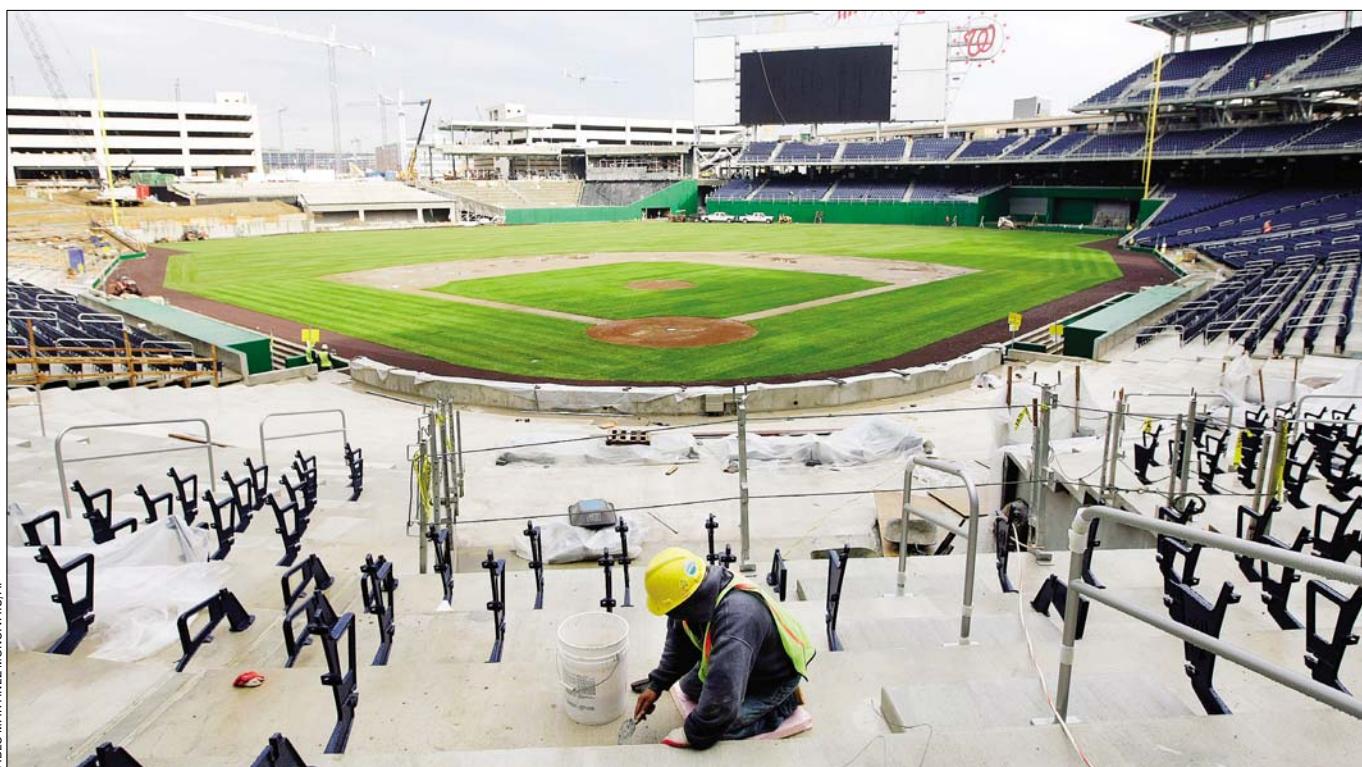
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Project Runway' is back and, hopefully, unaltered. Plus, John

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Nats Tout Progress on New Stadium



STEP BY STEP: A construction worker touches up concrete before the installation of seats behind home plate during a tour of the new Nationals Stadium on Tuesday. The team announced it will play an exhibition game against the Orioles March 29. ♦ **First date:** Nationals await word on opening day | **Page 23**

Mukasey Reopens Spy Probe

New attorney general to investigate eavesdropping program

WASHINGTON | The Justice Department has reopened a long-dormant inquiry into the government's warrantless wiretapping program, a major policy shift only days into the tenure of Attorney General Michael Mukasey.

The investigation by the department's Office of Professional Responsibility was shut down last year, after the investigators were denied security clearances. Gonzales told Congress that President Bush, not he, denied the clearances.

"We recently received the necessary security clearances and are now able to proceed with our investigation," H. Marshall Jarrett, counsel for the OPR, wrote to Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y. A copy of the letter, dated Tuesday, was obtained by The Associated Press.

Hinchey and other Democrats have long sought an investigation into the spying program to see if it complies with the law. Efforts to investigate the program have been rebuffed by the Bush administration.



Mukasey

The investigation "will focus on whether the DOJ attorneys who were involved complied with their ethical obligations of providing competent legal advice to their client and of adhering to their duty of candor to the court. Because this matter involves a pending inquiry, I can't comment further," Justice Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said in a statement. **DEVLIN BARRETT (AP)**



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A police officer has been reprimanded for accidentally discharging a Taser, causing an injury—to himself. Madison, Wis., police released a report Monday on the July 31 incident without revealing the officer's name or gender. The department said the Taser accidentally discharged during a standard checkout procedure. According to a summary of the investigation, officers are required to make sure no air cartridges are loaded before testing the Taser gun at the start of each shift. It's the air cartridges that propel the Taser's prongs, which deliver a jolt of electricity when they strike a target. The officer's hand was injured, police spokesman Joel DeSpain said. (AP)



SAFETY

Why You Turn off iPod at the Airfield

A Gainesville, Ga., woman is said to be recovering today after being hit by a small plane. The woman was struck by a 1977 Piper at Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport Sunday. She's been iden-

tified as 41-year-old Amy Dunahoo. "The pilot was attempting to take off from the taxiway, and at that point the pedestrian stepped into the path of his plane," said Police Lt. Brian Kelly. Dunahoo sustained a head injury but is expected to be OK. Kelly said it was the first time he'd seen a pedestrian-airplane accident. (AP)



JERRET RAFFEY/TORONTO DAILY TIMES/AP

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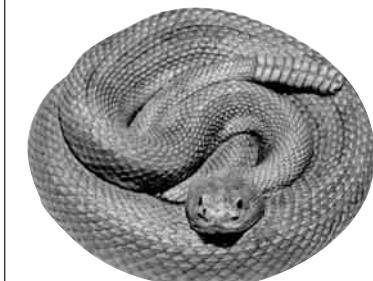
You're Welcome, Lolcat People

This photo has no wacky story behind it (that we know of.) Neither of these animals broke any Guinness records, wandered into incongruous urban settings or saved their owners from fires (that we know of.) Yet, you will still enjoy this photo, and here is how: 1. Look at the cat's expression of stunned stupidity. This is clearly a cat that hunts its own tail. 2. Does the deer not look as if it's thinking how the cat would taste in a light cream sauce? 3. Type some nonsense on it, like "IM NOT UR SALTLIK." 4. Post on Icanhascheezburger.com. (EXPRESS)

BITES

The Hand Fed Her, But Not Well Enough

Ray Hunter, 44, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., is still hospitalized nearly two weeks after being bitten by a rattlesnake. "Cobraman," as he calls himself, said it's his 44th venomous snake bite and is "definitely the worst." Hunter was bitten on the right hand while cleaning his snake cages but managed to drive himself near the hospital. He got as close as he could, then passed out behind the wheel. A passer-by told police that Hunter appeared to be unconscious, and he was taken inside the hospital. Hunter is in renal failure and it's not clear when he can return home. (AP)



Healthy Adult Volunteers Needed

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Nation



Police responding to a call early Tuesday killed a teenage boy in Brooklyn.

NYPD Kills Teen Toting Hairbrush

NEW YORK | An unarmed, mentally ill teenager could be heard yelling, "I've got a gun!" in a 911 call made by his mother before police arrived and killed him in a 20-bullet barrage, according to a transcript of the call released by police Tuesday.

Five officers opened fire after Kheil Coppin, 18, suddenly charged them outside his mother's home with a black object in his hand, police officials said. The object turned out to be a hairbrush.

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association president Patrick Lynch defended the officers.

"This is an unfortunate situation where the deceased convinced everyone involved — from family members to responding officers — that he was in possession of a gun," Lynch said. "Tragically, he sought and succeeded in forcing a deadly confrontation with police."

TOM HAYS (AP)

Bush Sets Stage for Budget Battle

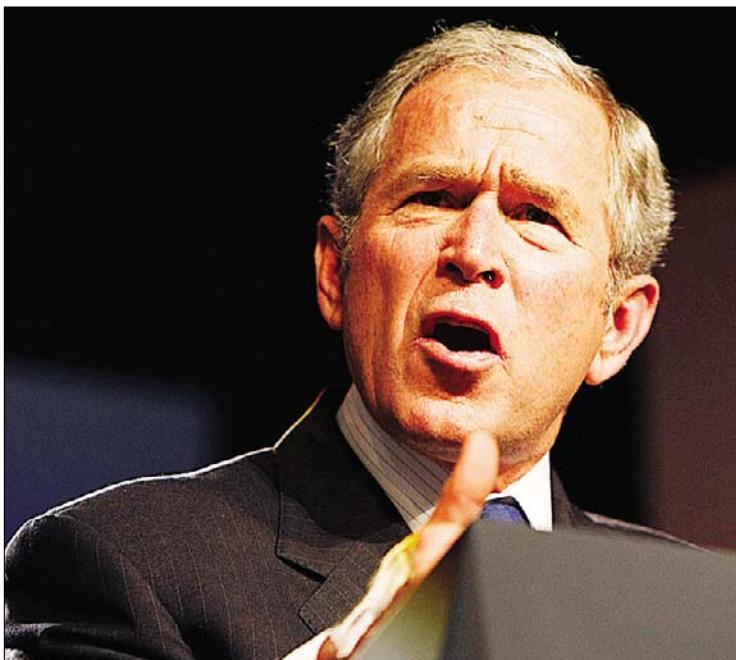
President OKs budget increase for military, vetoes domestic funds

NEW ALBANY, IND. | President Bush, escalating his budget battle with Congress, on Tuesday vetoed a spending measure for health and education programs prized by congressional Democrats.

He also signed a big increase in the Pentagon's non-war budget, although the White House complained it contained "some unnecessary spending."

The White House said the \$606 billion education and health measure was loaded with 2,000 earmarks — lawmaker-sponsored projects that critics call pork-barrel spending — which Bush wants stripped from the bill.

Bush hammered Democrats for



what he called a tax-and-spend philosophy.

"The Congress now sitting in Washington holds this philosophy," Bush said on Tuesday. "The majority was elected on a pledge of fiscal responsibility, but so far it's acting like a teenager with a new credit card."

The House fell three votes short of winning a veto-proof margin when it sent the spending measure to Bush.

Rep. David Obey, the Democratic chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, pounced immediately on Bush's veto.

"This is a bipartisan bill supported by over 50 Republicans," Obey said. "There has been virtually no criticism of its contents. It is clear the only reason the president vetoed this bill is pure politics."

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

President Bush vetoed a \$606 billion spending measure on Tuesday. Bush says the bill is loaded with earmarks and needs to be trimmed down before he'll sign it.

The report, from the committee's Democratic majority, was not vetted with Republican members. The White House countered that the report was politically motivated.

"This report was put out by Democrats on Capitol Hill. This committee is known for being partisan and political. They did not consult or cooperate with the Republicans on the committee. And so I think it is an attempt to muddy the waters on what has been some positive developments being reported out of Iraq," said White House press secretary Dana Perino. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

Report: War Costs Total \$1.6 Trillion

White House claims report from Dems is politically motivated

WASHINGTON | The economic costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are estimated to total \$1.6 trillion — roughly double the amount the White House has requested thus far, according to a new report by Democrats on Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

COMBAT RATES

- The report estimates total economic costs of \$1.3 trillion for the period from 2002 to 2008 for just the Iraq war.
- Future economic costs from the wars would be much higher, according to the report. It estimates that the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan would cost \$3.5 trillion between 2003 and 2017.

The report, released Tuesday, attempted to put a price tag on the two conflicts, including "hidden" costs such as interest payments on the money borrowed to pay for the wars, lost investment, the expense of long-term health care for injured veterans and the cost of oil market disruptions.

The \$1.6 trillion figure, for the period from 2002 to 2008, translates into a cost of \$20,900 for a family of four, the report said.

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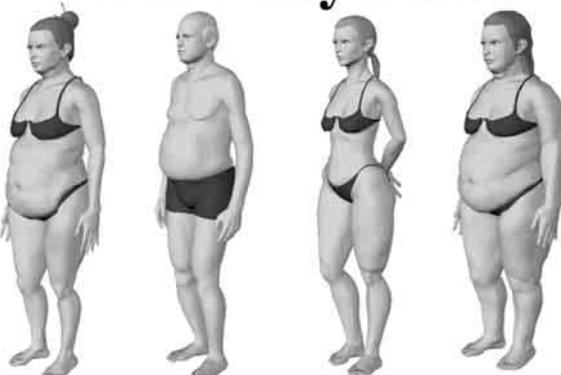
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Dems Threaten War Fund

Reid says party won't OK money unless Iraq troop withdrawal starts

WASHINGTON | Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday that Democrats won't approve more money for the Iraq war this year unless President Bush agrees to begin bringing troops home.

By the end of the week, the House and Senate plan to vote on a \$50 billion measure for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill would require Bush to initiate troop withdrawals immediately with the goal of ending combat by Decem-

ber 2008.

If Bush vetoes the bill, "then the president won't get his \$50 billion," Reid, D-Nev., told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference.



Reid

The tough rhetoric does not necessarily foretell another veto showdown with Bush on the war. Similar legislation has routinely fallen short of the 60 votes needed to overcome procedural hurdles in the Senate. It is possible the upcoming bill will sink, in which case Demo-

crats would probably wait until next year to revisit the issue.

But their remarks reflect an emerging Democratic strategy on the war: Force congressional Republicans and Bush to accept a timetable for troop withdrawals, or turn Pentagon accounting processes into a bureaucratic nightmare.

If Democrats refuse to send Bush the \$50 billion, the military would have to drain its annual budget to keep the wars afloat. Forcing the Pentagon into a painful budget dance spares Democrats from having to write a blank check for the unpopular Iraq war.

ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

LAS VEGAS | THE CHIPS FALL



ISAAC BREKKEN/AP

TIME TO REBUILD: The New Frontier casino-hotel is imploded Tuesday on the Las Vegas Strip. The 16-story hotel tower was felled with more than 1,000 pounds of explosives to make way for a multibillion-dollar resort bearing the Plaza brand that is set to open sometime in 2011. The New Frontier hosted Elvis Presley's debut in the city in 1956.

Witness: Simpson Said Bring 'Heat'

LAS VEGAS | One of the men who accompanied O.J. Simpson to a hotel-room confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers testified Tuesday that the former football star wanted them to bring "heat" to show they meant business.

Simpson, his golfing buddy Walter Alexander and Charles "Spencer" McClinton met up before

attending a mutual friend's wedding Sept. 13, Alexander testified. Simpson asked Alexander whether he would accompany him to the Palace Station Hotel-Casino, where he was to meet the memorabilia dealers, Alexander said.

"After he asked me if I could watch his back, he leaned forward and it was kind of like, 'Hey, do you

think you can get some heat?'" said Alexander, who accepted a plea deal to testify. "Just in case things go wrong, can you bring some heat?"

The testimony came on the third day of a preliminary hearing in the alleged armed robbery case. Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure will decide after the hearing whether there is enough evidence for Simpson and two other men to stand trial. (AP)



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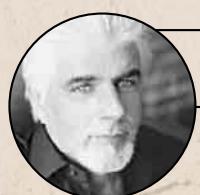
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World

In Brief



Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen won re-election Tuesday.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK Center-Right Coalition Wins Third Consecutive Term

Danes re-elected the center-right governing coalition to a third consecutive term Tuesday, endorsing a bloc that campaigned to boost the economy and make immigration harder. But near-complete official results also suggested Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen might need the backing of a new party headed by a Syrian-born Muslim immigrant that calls for more humane treatment of asylum-seekers. (AP)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Iran Delivers Long-Sought Blueprints to U.N. Agency

Iran has met a key demand of the U.N. nuclear agency, handing over long-sought blueprints that show how to mold uranium metal into the shape of warheads, diplomats said Tuesday. (AP)

Bhutto: Musharraf Must Step Down

Former PM may form partnership with other key opposition party

LAHORE, PAKISTAN | Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto demanded the resignation of U.S.-backed President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday, dashed Western hopes that the two moderate leaders would form an alliance to confront strengthening Islamic extremists.

Bhutto, just placed under house

arrest for the second time since her return from exile, said she was working to forge a partnership with Nawaz Sharif, the man overthrown as prime minister in a 1999 coup by Musharraf.

Her call, which could see Pakistan's two main opposition parties joining, raised a new threat for Musharraf, a key U.S. ally who faces growing pressure at home and abroad to end emergency rule and restore democracy.

It further complicated matters for Washington, which has criti-

cized Musharraf's recent crackdown on dissent but sees him as a dependable partner in the fight against al-Qaeda.

A senior U.S. envoy headed to Pakistan was expected to reiterate the U.S. calls for an end to emergency rule, which has led to thousands of arrests and a clampdown on the media.

The White House said it still hoped Pakistan's "moderate elements" could unite, but Bhutto said she would no longer try to work with Musharraf.

"The international community needs to decide whether it will go with one man or the people of Pakistan," Bhutto said by telephone from the house where she is being held in the city of Lahore.

Musharraf has defended emergency rule as needed to curb political unrest that he says is hampering the government's fight against Taliban- and al-Qaeda-linked militants, who have been gaining the upper hand in the country's northwest along the border with Afghanistan. MATTHEW ROSENBERG (AP)

CONGO | REFUGEES FLEE CAMPS



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ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Families flee refugee camps in Mugunga, Congo, on Tuesday. Between 30,000 and 40,000 Congolese abandoned two U.N. camps after hearing weapon fire from an attack on Congolese army troops in the region.

Myanmar Forces Reportedly Jail 2 Top Dissidents

YANGON, MYANMAR | Myanmar security forces have arrested two prominent anti-government activists — a Buddhist monk and a labor rights advocate, fellow dissidents said Tuesday.

U Gambira, a Buddhist monk who helped spearhead pro-democracy demonstrations in Yangon, was arrested several days ago, exiled Myanmar dissidents in Thailand said. Su Su Nway, a prominent female activist who has been on the run for more than two months, was arrested Tuesday morning, they said. News of the arrests came as U.N. human rights investigator Paulo Sergio Pinheiro surveyed conditions in Myanmar. (AP)

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World



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Turks Fire on Kurd Villages in Iraq

No casualties reported in attack meant to force rebels out of area

SULAIMANIYAH, IRAQ | Turkish helicopters swooped into Iraqi territory Tuesday, Iraqi officials said, firing on villages in renewed pressure to dislodge Turkish Kurd guerrillas from bases in northern Iraq.

The helicopter attack was the first major Turkish action against the rebels since Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan met with President Bush in Washington on Nov. 5. Turkey has demanded that the U.S. and Iraq crack down on guerrillas operating from Iraqi territory and has massed tens of thousands of soldiers along the border with Iraq.

The U.S. and Iraq have urged



Hundreds of trucks wait near the Turkish-Iraqi border close to Sirnak, Turkey, on Tuesday. Four soldiers were killed in a clash with Kurdish rebels close to the border.

Turkey to avoid a large-scale attack on rebel bases in northern Iraq, fearing such an operation would destabilize what has been the calmest region in the country.

A spokesman for the Iraqi Kurd regional administration, Jamal Abdullah, denied the helicopter attack report but said two Turkish warplanes dropped flares Monday in the mountains near the Iraqi Kurd town of Zakhu.

But Col. Hussein Tamir, an Iraqi army officer, said the helicopters opened fire before dawn on abandoned villages northeast of Zakhu. There were no casualties, he said.

Near the southeastern Turkish city of Sirnak, four soldiers were killed in a clash with rebels, Defense Minister Vecdi Gonul said.

YAHYA BARZAN (AP)

Lawmaker Is Among 3 Killed In Manila Blast

MANILA, PHILIPPINES | A bomb exploded outside the House of Representatives late Tuesday, killing a former Muslim rebel-turned-congressman who had backed a U.S.-Philippine offensive against Islamic militants. A lawmaker's driver and a legislative staffer also died.

The remotely detonated bomb damaged the building and cars, and injured seven, including two congresswomen. Their injuries were not life-threatening. Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno said the target appeared to be Rep. Wahab Akbar, a former rebel who as governor of the southern Basilan province gave his support to military operations against al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf guerrillas. Akbar died of wounds in a hospital, police said. (AP)

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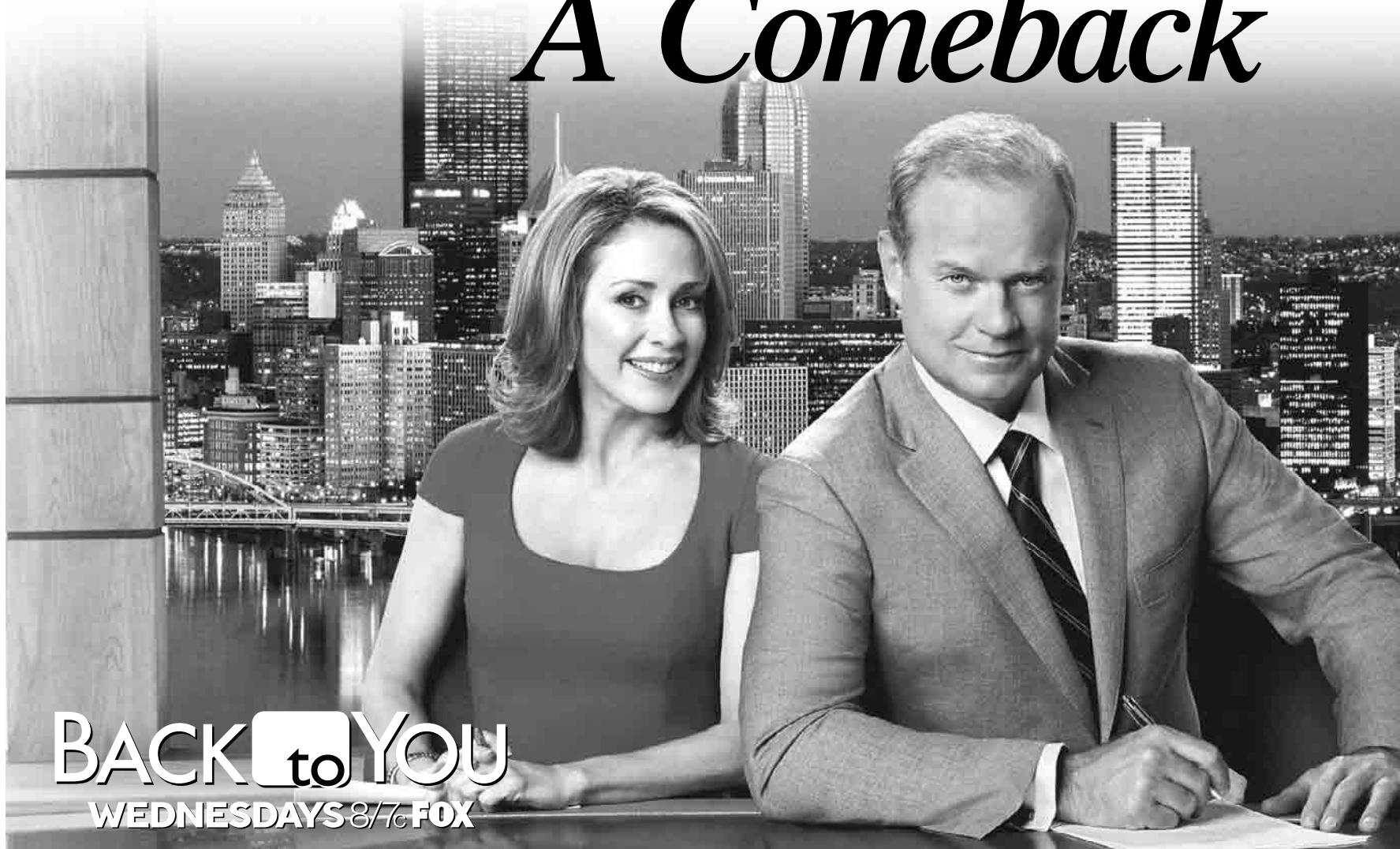


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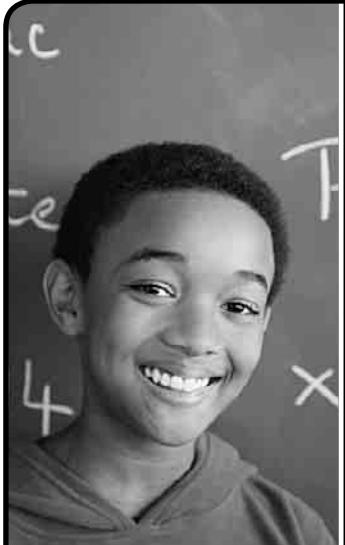
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Local

In Brief

LAUREL, MD.

Police Capture Escaped Prisoner Who Shot at Officer

A prisoner who escaped from a hospital early Tuesday after taking a state trooper's gun and firing shots was captured hours later following an intense search, authorities said.

Kamara Mohamed, 39, was found hiding inside a construction trailer a few blocks from Laurel Regional Hospital. He had been taken to the hospital Monday afternoon after being arrested on car theft charges and complaining of chest pains.

About 3 a.m., Mohamed attacked a trooper guarding him at the hospital, grabbing her weapon and fleeing. As he escaped, Mohamed fired at the trooper, who was not hit, Maryland State Police 1st Sgt. Russell Newell said. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court Takes No Action on District Gun Ban

The Supreme Court took no action Tuesday in the case involving the District of Columbia's ban on handguns. The justices discussed the case at their private conference on Friday, but reached no resolution. The court does not always reach a decision the first time it discusses a case.

At issue is the capital's 31-year ban on handguns, among the strictest gun-control laws in the nation. In March, a federal appeals court struck down the ban as incompatible with the Second Amendment. The justices next meet on Nov. 20 to consider accepting appeals. (AP)

Weightman to Take Over Ft. Detrick

Former Walter Reed head to oversee U.S. bioweapons defense

HAGERSTOWN, MD. | A two-star general who was fired as the head of Walter Reed Army Medical Center amid revelations about poor care of wounded soldiers will oversee U.S. biological weapons defense research as commander of Fort Detrick in Frederick, the Defense Department said.

Maj. Gen. George W. Weight-

man, a physician who works in the Army surgeon general's office in Falls Church, Va., will command both Fort Detrick and the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command headquartered there, according to a Defense Department press release. He replaces Col. Jonathan Jaffin, Fort Detrick's acting commander since March 3.

"The way Walter Reed turned out should be a career killer," Paul Rieckhoff, executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America said.

If Weightman's getting a second chance here, I think the Army needs to explain why the turnaround happened."

When Weightman was fired from Walter Reed, the Army said senior leaders "had lost trust and confidence" in his leadership abilities to fix the problems there.

The Pentagon has recently taken a softer tone in public remarks about

the scandal.

In September, the top Pentagon health officer, Dr. S. Ward Casscells, said the military's medical community "got a black eye that we didn't completely deserve."

Weightman was replaced at Walter Reed by Maj. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, who until then had held the Fort Detrick leadership posts.

Weightman's new assignment was announced Thursday, the same day the Senate confirmed Schoomaker as Army surgeon general. (AP)

SILVER SPRING, MD. | COUNTDOWN TO SMOKE-OUT



QUITTERS UNITE: Yolanda Gaskins sets up a "smoke free" countdown clock at Holy Cross Hospital on Tuesday. Hospital officials held a press conference to announce that, beginning Nov. 15—Great American Smoke-out Day—the hospital will no longer allow smoking on its grounds.

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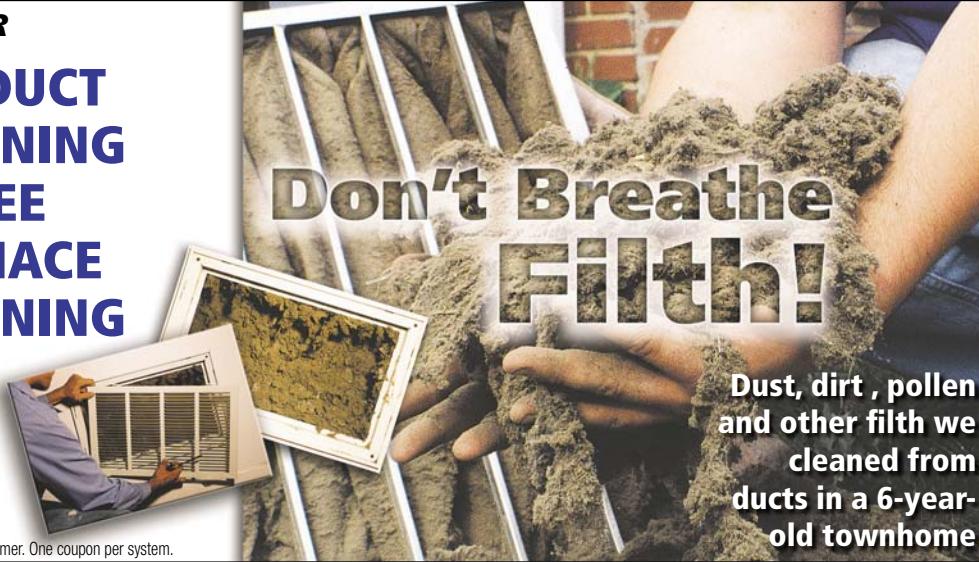
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Baltimore Fire Chief to Step Down

BALTIMORE | Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon has accepted the resignation of Fire Chief William Goodwin.

The decision by Goodwin follows a difficult year that included the death of a fire department recruit and a rowhouse blaze that killed

eight people, including five children. Dixon's spokesman Anthony McCarthy says Goodwin met with the mayor today to discuss his future, and the chief said he was ready to retire. His resignation will take effect Dec. 31. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Nov. 13

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Evening Lucky Numbers **2-7-1**

Mid-day DC 4 **0-0-6-8**

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)

9-1-6

Mid-day Pick 4

4-6-3-0

Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)

3-4-2-7

Mid-day Cash 5

6-10-18-28-32

Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)

4-5-10-13-31

Money



FREE FOR ALL: News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch said Tuesday he intends to make access to the Wall Street Journal's Web site free, dropping subscription fees in exchange for anticipated ad revenue.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Xerium	5.85	+1.10	+23.2
EncoreEn n	20.00	+3.24	+19.3
DianaShip	33.25	+5.21	+18.6
ChinaSec n	22.00	+3.25	+17.3
ExcelM	52.59	+7.75	+17.3

Losers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
QuebWld	4.18	-1.03	-19.8
Magnetek	4.17	-.36	-7.9
Venoco	19.26	-1.46	-7.0
WarnerMus	7.50	-.48	-6.0
AssistLiv	6.93	-.43	-5.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.56	4.13
3-month disc	3.43	3.65
2-year	3.53	3.67
10-year	4.25	4.35
30-year	4.60	4.65

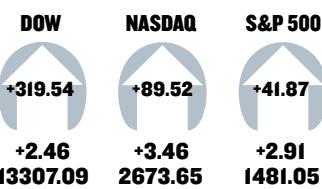
NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ETrade	5.00	+1.45	+40.8
Constar	3.16	+.75	+31.1
TriadGty	9.27	+2.14	+30.0
GigaMed	21.10	+4.67	+28.4
Iomai	1.62	-.01	-.6

Losers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AkeenaS n	5.50	-1.80	-24.7
PokerTek	6.18	-1.75	-22.1
CTI Inds	3.47	-.82	-19.2
Encorium	2.17	-.50	-18.7
FstBcMiss	17.90	-4.10	-18.6

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4837	.4856	.5260
Canadian Dollar	.9640	.9645	1.1385
European Euro	.6851	.6871	.7806
Japanese Yen	110.69	110.05	118.12
Mexican Peso	10.8690	10.9139	10.8880
Taiwanese Dollar	32.39	32.39	32.79



Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B	27.89	+.95	-10.6
ClearChan	36.46	+.38	+2.6
Comcast s	19.92	+.98	-29.4
Comc sp s	19.64	+.91	-29.7
DirecTV	24.58	-.43	-1.4
Disney	33.01	+.99	-1.6
EchoStar	41.25	+.42	+8.5
GpTelevisa	23.39	+1.35	-13.4
NewsCpa	21.14	+.76	-1.6
NewsCpb	22.25	+.91	...
ReutrGrp	79.23	+1.95	+51.7
Thomson	43.03	+.43	+3.8
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Stocks Rebound Amid Good News

Goldman Sachs and Wal-Mart offer respite from slowing economy

NEW YORK | Wall Street shot higher Tuesday, lifting the Dow Jones industrials nearly 320 points after reassuring news from Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. quelled some of the market's worst fears about the credit crisis and the economy.

A plunge in the price of oil gave investors further incentive to buy.

Goldman Sachs heartened investors with word that it didn't expect a significant hit from the subprime

mortgage turmoil.

Goldman Chief Executive Lloyd Blankfein, speaking at a conference held by Merrill Lynch & Co., said the bank has a short position in the sub-prime mortgage market and won't be taking any significant charges to write off losses.

Goldman's news helped offset an announcement from Bank of America Inc., which joined other big financial companies, including Citigroup Inc. and Merrill Lynch, that have recently revealed heavy writedowns from soured mortgages; BofA said it will record \$3 billion in pretax writedowns in the fourth quarter.

LAUREN VILLAGRAN (AP)

NEW YORK | TAKING IT TO THE STREET



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

ON STRIKE: Protesters picket near Battery Park on Tuesday. Striking television and film writers took their fight to Wall Street to complain that media giants aren't sharing the wealth from their highly touted online efforts.

Yahoo Settles With Jailed Journalists

SAN FRANCISCO | Yahoo Inc. on Tuesday settled a lawsuit with two Chinese journalists who were jailed after the company provided Chinese authorities with information about their online activities. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The two journalists and a family

member sued the company earlier this year after Yahoo HK, Yahoo's wholly owned subsidiary based in Hong Kong, gave Chinese authorities e-mails containing pro-democracy literature. The jailed journalists alleged that jailers tortured them and that Yahoo was responsible. (AP)

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READY, SET, SEARCH

So many schools, so little time. If you're considering private school for fall 2008, it's time to start narrowing your choices and be ready for the nuts-and-bolts of applying. You can learn a lot by visiting schools and observing how they differ. And now is the season for "open house" events, which are often held in the evening or on weekends. They can be a great way to see a range of schools if your weekday time is limited.

An open house can give you a first impression of a school's culture. It may include a campus tour and a chance to hear a school administrator and admission director talk about the school. Even better, you may get to chat informally with teachers, current students and parents.

Mark Your Calendar

A quick way to learn the dates of upcoming open houses at many area schools is to visit www.aisgw.org/parent_information, on the Associa-

tion of Independent Schools of Greater Washington Website. It has a handy list of open house dates and application due dates for dozens of schools in the District, Maryland and Virginia. It also shows each school's application due dates. You can learn, for example, that Georgetown Prep and Gongaza have mid-December deadlines, while many other schools give you until January or February to submit all your paperwork.

AISGW's list shows that many schools have upcoming open houses. Call individual schools or check their Websites to learn arrival times and other details.

To explore schools throughout the State of Maryland and check their open house dates, go to www.aimsmd.org, the Association of Independent Maryland Schools Website.

The Virginia Association of Independent Schools, at www.vais.org, lets you search for boarding and day schools throughout Virginia. You can also explore boarding schools in the United States and around the world by



► How much can we afford to pay? Is there a chance we'll apply for financial aid?

Query the Schools

Try to learn some basic facts about a school before you visit. On a tour or in a group information session, try not to dominate by asking a lot of questions that are answered on the school's Website or that pertain only to your child. "Parents can sound overly demanding, and you will want to establish a good relationship with the school," says Georgia Irvin, an independent education consultant and former admission director.

If your tour guide is a current student or parent, you might wish to ask questions such as: "Where else did you apply?" "Why did you choose this school?" and "If you could change something about this school, what would it be? Why?"

Even when an open house is crowded and busy, you might happen to luck into a conversation that provides important clues about a school. For example, a teacher may give hints about faculty morale, or a student might comment on the social climate. In fact, you may learn more from informal conversations than from organized presentations.

In-depth questions are often best saved for a personal tour or interview, but you might meet a faculty member

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visiting The Association of Boarding Schools site, www.schools.com.

In choosing which schools to explore, think about both your family needs and your child's needs. You might ask yourselves the following questions:

► Would my child do better with a traditional or progressive approach to academics?

- Would a small setting be better, or a large school?
- How much academic rigor would be suitable?
- What are my child's special needs and interests?
- Is religion a factor for us in choosing a school?
- What are our commuting constraints? Might we need bus transportation?

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at an open house who has time to talk in detail about a particular program. You might also wish to ask a teacher or administrator some of the following questions:

- **What is the student-teacher ratio in my child's grade?**
- **What can you tell me about the diversity of faculty members and the range of role models they can provide?**
- **What kinds of counseling and support services does the school offer?**
- **How does the school communicate with parents?**
- **What is the student attrition rate?**

The above advice includes some suggestions from the National Association of Independent Schools. For further guidance, you can visit www.nais.org/parents.

Observe Classes

Open houses are optional. An alternative is to call and ask about tours or other ways to visit.

After your initial explorations, you may want to take a close look at selected schools by observing classes in session. If that's not possible in the fall, you can return for an in-depth visit after your child has been admitted.

Watch how students interact with one another and with the teachers. Is there an atmosphere of respect?

Comfort? Enthusiasm? Note the general mood in the hallways, on the playground, at lunch or at a sports practice.

Spend at least five minutes in a classroom. Do students seem engaged and on task? Are all students involved in the lesson or activity?

At the preschool and the primary grade levels, look for flexible, creative teachers who will be sensitive to your child's needs and provide appropriate amounts of structure and challenge. Try to observe the playground long enough to see how disputes among children are resolved. Do teachers try to help the children work out their differences without anyone getting hurt?

In the middle grades, your child may need structure without too much rigidity. Find out how students acquire the organizational skills needed for success in high school. Also ask how the school helps students deal with cliques and bullying.

When visiting a high school with your son or daughter, try not to embarrass your child by asking too many questions, warns education consultant Georgia Irvin. "Taking a tour together is especially difficult with an eighth grader [applying for ninth grade]," she says. "You can ask questions once your child is admitted."

Irvin and her associate Pamela Tedesche offer these tips for stu-

dents visiting a prospective high school: Check the dress code, and dress accordingly; don't chew gum; if you have a cell phone, turn it off; and try not to slouch.

The Truth About Homework

Is homework simply a fact of life? Advocates say it supports the activities that matter most in education: independent reading, thoughtful writing and research projects. Others say kids are getting too much homework, which leads to too much stress, conflict, frustration and exhaustion.

"Widespread assumptions about the benefits of homework—higher achievement and the promotion of such virtues as self-discipline and responsibility—are not substantiated by the available evidence," says Alfie Kohn in his book, *The Homework Myth: Why Our Kids Get Too Much of a Bad Thing*.

"There is no conclusive evidence that homework increases student achievement across the board," says a report from the National School Boards Association's Center for Public Education. Some studies show that older students gain more academic benefits from homework than younger students do. And one study found that it may boost the performance of Asian students more than it helps students of other ethnicities.

Low-income students may have fewer resources for doing homework and receive less assistance than students with greater means, which may affect students' ability to complete their homework.

In the early grades, homework might help a child learn the importance of taking responsibility, managing time, developing study habits and sticking with a task. But too much homework may decrease its value. One study found that one to two hours per night is optimum for high school students and that middle school students benefit from having less than an hour's worth per night.

What to Ask

It can be hard to predict how much time your child will need to spend on homework at a new school, because the same assignment might take one student 20 minutes and another student more than an hour to complete. Education consultant Georgia Irvin recommends asking your child's prospective school, (1) "What is the school's philosophy regarding homework?" and (2) "How much homework can the average student expect at each grade level?"

High school students can often expect a half-hour's worth of homework per course most nights, and up to 45 minutes for an honors course, says Clare Anderson of The School

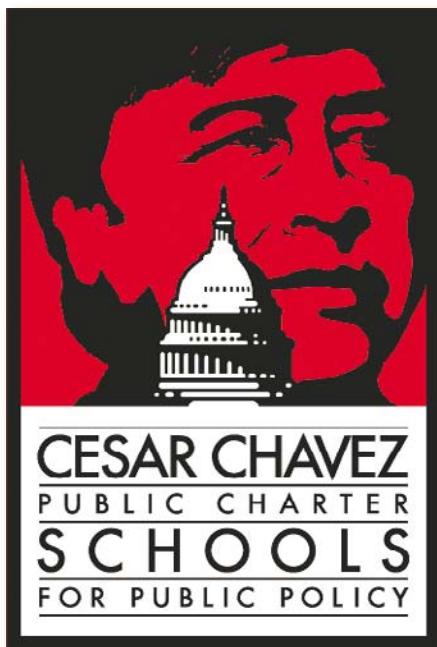
Counseling Group.

The transition from sixth grade to seventh often brings a jump in homework, so organization skills become crucial. "It's hard to learn organization," says Anderson. You can help a disorganized child develop a system for tackling homework and find out what support the school can provide. Anderson also suggests talking with current parents about the effectiveness of a prospective school's advisory program. Some children need a schedule that allows for homework time during the school day, such as a study hall period, extra help from a teacher, or a study period after classes end, before sports practice.

But the nature of a homework assignment can be even more important than how long it takes. "The subtle part is how sophisticated is it and how fast is the class moving," says Irvin. For a six year old, finding 40 acorns and dividing them into groups of 10 is very different from completing a series of routine math worksheets.

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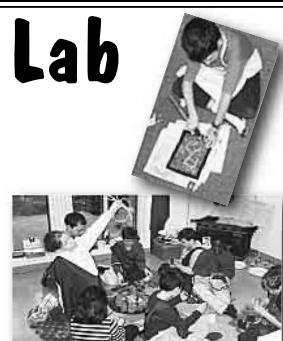
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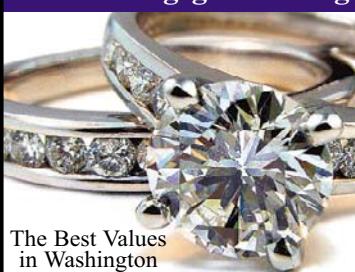
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There are about 7,000 islands in the Caribbean, arcing south-southeast from below Florida to near the

coast of Venezuela. Many are islets and uninhabited reefs, but that still leaves quite a choice.

We have visited some — St. Thomas, Nassau in the Bahamas, Curacao — and had no complaints with any. All have the allure of bright sun, white sands and signature blue-green waters. But we have settled most assuredly on St. Martin/St. Maarten, coming back six or seven times.

It is an unusual, if not unique place, as its twin names would indicate. A small, 37-square-mile island, it is half French-owned and half Dutch territory.

Most of the visitors are French, enjoying their country's generous vacation time, much of it in December. But many are Canadians or Americans, escaping, too, from the northern cold. (AP)

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Travel

Greyhound's New Tricks

Bus company cleans up and tries to regain some of its old riders

TRAVEL | The old dog is getting a new look.

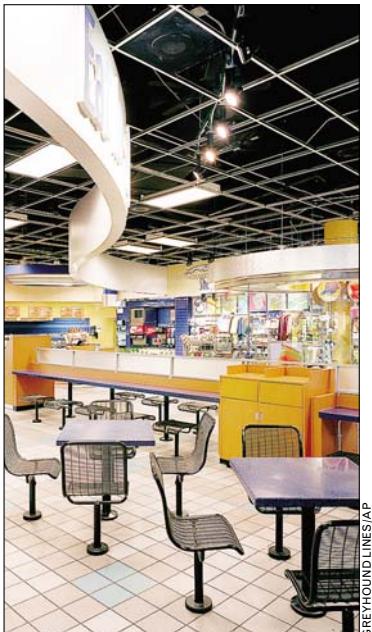
Greyhound Lines Inc. says it has spent \$60 million over the past three years to freshen up its fleet of 1,250 buses and its largest terminals.

Next, the company plans an advertising campaign designed to bring back former customers and attract new riders between 18 and 24, and Hispanics.

Greyhound officials say the makeover is part of an upgrade that began in 2004, when the company eliminated many small-town stops and routes to speed up service between larger cities.

Patty Herbeck, Greyhound's director of marketing, said the company has refurbished more than 900 buses with new seats and paint jobs and spruced up 125 of its roughly 940 terminals by repainting, renovating restrooms and adding plasma-screen TVs in waiting areas.

Ridership declined after Greyhound eliminated about 1,000 destinations in 2004, although a spokeswoman said sales are up



Greyhound says it has spent \$60 million to help freshen up terminals and buses.

15 to 20 percent on the remaining routes. The company said it carried 19 million passengers last year and had sales of \$1.2 billion.

Greyhound hasn't launched a major national advertising campaign in years.

"Greyhound has earned its status as an American icon," Herbeck said. "But when you're 93 years old, you have to remind people who you are and what you stand for." (AP)

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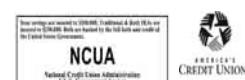
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2008 Jeep Liberty Opens to Big Sky

New Sky Slider fabric technology allows for full-length sunroof

OPEN TOP | Jeep officials have performed a feat of alchemy — they've reduced the starting retail price of their revamped-for-2008 Liberty sport utility vehicle by nearly \$1,300, even as they improved the Liberty's suspension, stance, styling, seats and features.

They've also given buyers control of the sky, with a new Sky Slider fabric roof that's the biggest sunroof in this SUV segment. With the touch of a button, a driver can position the Sky Slider's acrylic material all the way back, so both front and rear passengers enjoy the sun. Or the open roof can be positioned above the backseats, above the front seats, or anywhere in between.

The new styling is true to the vehicle's outstanding off-road capability, which wasn't fully reflected in the milder appearance of the old model.

Jeep fans will notice that the Liberty's spare tire isn't perched on the tailgate anymore. It has been tucked

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under the rear floor, improving rear visibility greatly. Still, it can be difficult to see youngsters who might be right behind the rear end of the tall-riding Liberty, so drivers should check carefully.

In the past, the Liberty has felt "tippy" on the road. But with its new suspension, the test Liberty moved confidently on curves and mountain roads.

Plastic materials on the dashboard that looked cheap and an unimpressive city fuel economy rating of 16 miles per gallon were my biggest complaints. ANN JOB (AP)

IT WON'T MATTER UNLESS TIGER PLAYS: Justin Timberlake is getting his own golf tournament. The 26-year-old singer will host the PGA Tour event in Las Vegas, which will be renamed the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.



Sports

Sabathia Takes AL Cy Young Award

Pitcher bests Beckett to become the first Indian to win since '72

BASEBALL | C.C. Sabathia won the AL Cy Young Award on Tuesday, beating out several worthy contenders by a comfortable margin and becoming the first Cleveland pitcher in 35 years to earn the honor.

The Indians ace received 19 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 119 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association

of America. Boston's Josh Beckett was second with eight first-place votes and 86 points, while John Lackey of the Los Angeles Angels got the other first-place vote and came in third. Cleveland's Fausto Carmona was fourth.

"I was excited. My family and everybody were around," Sabathia said on a conference call from his home in California. "I was surprised. Beckett had a great year and an even better postseason."

Sabathia went 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA and 209 strikeouts, pitching



C.C. Sabathia became the first black pitcher to win the Cy Young since 1985.

a major league-high 241 innings. Beckett (20-7) became the only big league pitcher to win 20 games since 2005, compiling a 3.27 ERA in 200 2/3 innings. Lackey led the AL in ERA at 3.01, going 19-9 and tossing 224 innings. Carmona was 19-8 with a 3.06 ERA.

Voting took place before the postseason, when Sabathia struggled while Beckett pitched the Red Sox to a World Series championship with a string of dominant outings.

"I did look at a few numbers,"

Sabathia said. "I definitely thought that Beckett — it could have gone either way. I'm just happy and thankful that it went my way."

The only other Cleveland pitcher to win the award was Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry in 1972. Now that he has one, Sabathia plans to display his trophy prominently at home.

"I'll probably keep it out. I'm sitting in my office right now. I'm looking for a spot. I'll probably put it right here," he said.

Sabathia is the first black pitcher to win a Cy Young Award since Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets in 1985 — and the first in the AL since Oakland's Vida Blue in 1971. MIKE FITZPATRICK (AP)

In Brief

NBA

Marbury Misses Practice Following Trade Speculation

Stephon Marbury missed the New York Knicks shootaround Tuesday, and coach Isiah Thomas said he



Marbury

was uncertain whether the guard would show up for Tuesday night's game against the Phoenix Suns. The New York Daily News quoted an unidentified team source as saying Marbury was upset when he learned he would not be in the starting lineup. The story indicated that the Knicks were trying to reduce Marbury's role or get rid of him. A trade seems unlikely, because Marbury is scheduled to earn \$42 million over the next two seasons. (AP)

HOKIES FOOTBALL

Shots Fired Into Apartment Of Virginia Tech Cornerback

At least two gunshots were fired into the apartment of a Virginia Tech student who football coach Frank Beamer identified Tuesday as cornerback Victor Harris. Three Tech students were in the off-campus apartment where Harris lives, but police said no one was injured in the shootings early Sunday morning. No one has been arrested, and Capt. Bruce Bradberry said police were looking for a small black car. (AP)



JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs has struggled in the second half of games since coming out of retirement more than three years ago.

Gibbs' Midas Touch Is Wearing Off

Redskins coach used to be great in the 2nd half, but not anymore

REDSKINS | Even high school coaches know the drill.

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Even though he's in the Hall of Fame, Redskins coach Joe Gibbs has

recently struggled with that type of game management test.

The coach was very much on the defensive Monday as he faced a grilling over the 13th blown half-time lead in the 3½ years of Gibbs II. The 33-25 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles had problems that usually go directly to the coach: burned early timeouts, costly penalties and questionable game management.

"What would YOU do?" said Gibbs, issuing a rhetorical challenge deep into a discussion over

how the Redskins ran out of timeouts with eight minutes to play.

Gibbs' in-game coaching decisions have been an issue since his return in 2004. Gibbs declined to evaluate himself in that area as compared to his first stint in Washington, but he was clearly doing his best to state his case for the job he's doing now.

That became clear when it came time to discuss his most telling

stat. The onetime master of the halftime adjustments has lost his touch. Gibbs is 17-13 with a halftime lead the second time around, including 11-8 at home. He was 86-11 when leading at halftime and 47-3 at home in Gibbs I. Gibbs is a mere 3-3 with a halftime lead this year, a major reason his team is 5-4 and in third place in the NFC East.

"You're right, in three of them we didn't finish the way we wanted to," Gibbs said. "But I've also seen our team this year exhibit the kind of fight and finish that you would like to see." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

 **Secondary thoughts:** The Redskins' secondary has been devastated by injuries, and this week it prepares for Dallas without Sean Taylor | Today's Post, Sports

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Adam "Pacman" Jones is expected to plead no contest to a conspiracy charge.

Pacman To Take Plea Deal

Titans cornerback will plead no contest to conspiracy, lawyer says

NFL | Suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones is expected to take a plea deal that will get him probation in return for testimony about a Las Vegas strip club triple shooting, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The Tennessee Titans cornerback intends to plead no contest to one charge of conspiracy to commit disorderly conduct, a gross misdemeanor, in return for a promise to suspend a sentence of one year in county jail, according to a written plea agreement obtained by The Associated Press.

"We have a deal," Clark County prosecutor Victoria Villegas said. "I can't talk about the negotiations until it's actually filed with the court."

Jones' attorney, Robert Langford, was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday to inform Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Tony Abbatangelo of the plea, but the hearing abruptly was rescheduled for Thursday.

"He has agreed to testify in whatever hearings come up regarding the shooter," Langford said. Jones, who was not expected to attend Tuesday's hearing, would not be sentenced until after testifying, he said. KEN RITTER (AP)



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Sports

Nats' Stadium Will Be 'Ready to Go'

Washington will host an exhibition against the O's on March 29

NATIONALS | The Washington Nationals' still-under-construction ballpark will host a dress rehearsal March 29, an exhibition game against the Baltimore Orioles.

Now the Nationals want to know whether they'll be able to use the new place for real the next day.

Nationals president Stan Kasten said Tuesday the team is still awaiting word from the commissioner's office on whether the first regular-



Stan Kasten looks over the construction at the Nationals' new stadium in Southeast.

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season game at Nationals Park will be March 30 or April 7.

"We're ready to go either way," Kasten said.

"In the back of your mind, you're aware there are acts of God that aren't predictable. ... Other than that kind of stuff, I don't see anything derailing us," he said.

Grass was set on the field over the past two weeks, and the bases and pitching rubber were in place Tuesday, when District of Columbia Mayor Adrian M. Fenty toured the \$611 million ballpark.

Tickets won't be sold for the exhibition against the Orioles. Instead, people who own season-ticket packages will be able to attend for free; other tickets will be given away, perhaps to stadium workers or city schoolchildren.

Kasten said the Nationals will mail out information on seat relocation Friday to fans who owned season tickets at RFK Stadium, where the team played the past three years after moving from Montreal.

Single-game ticket sales will begin in February. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Last Year's Cup MVP Could Be Sidelined

Houston star forward Ching is doubtful due to a strained left calf

MLS | Houston Dynamo forward Brian Ching, the MVP of last year's MLS Cup, is doubtful for this year's title game because of a strained left calf.

Ching was hurt in the second half of the Dynamo's 2-0 victory over Kansas City in Saturday's Western Conference final.

"He's working with our trainer pretty much three times a day," coach Dominic Kinnear said Tuesday. "We're going to give him every opportunity to prove his fitness to be available for Sunday. We're not going to exclude him from anything until the morning of the final."

Ching scored the tying goal in overtime and made the clinching penalty kick in last year's shootout victory over the Revolution in MLS'

SEATTLE WILL JOIN MLS

The city will get a pro soccer team starting in 2009, the second addition to MLS this year:

→ The yet-to-be named team will play at Qwest Field, home of the Seahawks. Tuesday's expansion makes Seattle the league's 15th club and follows the rebirth of the San Jose Earthquakes, who will start play in 2008. "I woke up one morning in February and told my wife I wanted to start a MLS franchise," said Hollywood executive Joe Roth, who will be the majority owner of the franchise.

championship game. This year's MLS Cup, a rematch between the Dynamo and Revolution, will be played Sunday at RFK Stadium.

Ching tied for the team lead with seven goals in the regular season this year and also scored twice in the first-round of the playoffs. (AP)

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) Washington's first chance for back-to-back wins comes at home against Indiana.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Akron travels to Miami (Ohio) for a MAC

showdown, if that's the right word.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Upset alert: With small schools winning left and right, North Carolina heads on the road to play at Davidson.

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Entertainment



AND THE WINNER IS ...: TV Land network and Entertainment Weekly magazine have compiled a list of "The 50 Greatest TV Icons." The No. 1 spot went to none other than Johnny Carson. Others mentioned: Lassie and Regis Philbin.

If It Ain't Torn ...

Here's hoping no one tries to alter what already fit perfectly

BRAVO! | Why, oh, why are they messing with the formula? The season premiere of "Project Runway" consciously discards the typical first challenge of creating a garment out of everyday objects and instead offers the contestants a wealth of fabulous fabrics with which to reflect their core design self.

OK, but it's nowhere near as fun as watching someone tear the leather off a divan. And the outfits are, not surprisingly, fairly predictable. And much less was revealed about the designers than whether they had to disassemble lamp shades.

Tell me, Tim Gunn; tell me, Heidi Klum: Why fix it if it ain't broke?

Perhaps I speak with the passion of the newly fallen. I came late to Bravo's "Project Runway," and I have no excuse for my lateness save ignorance and an outdated, pig-headed resistance to reality TV. But now I am a TV critic, so I am watching everything and, frankly, I cannot believe how fabulous, and unnervingly addictive, "Project Runway" is. I sit down to watch an episode of a previous season on DVD and,



STILL IN: The "Project Runway" crew remains the same. From left, host Heidi Klum, fashion guru Tim Gunn, Elle editor Nina Garcia and designer Michael Kors.

bam, there's three hours gone while deadlines fly by and dinner simmers to scorched nothingness. Because I have to find out What

Happened Next.

Who thought of this show? They should get the first-ever Nobel Prize for television. Combining the best

aspect of reality TV — truth is always stranger, and more disturbingly ambitious, than fiction — and the survivalist cunning of a really good spy serial, "Project Runway" is essentially "Mission: Impossible" for fashionistas. To save the world, host Klum intones, you must construct a prom dress out of whatever you can find in a dentist's office.

OK, maybe not a dentist's office but certainly a supermarket, an apartment, a hardware store.

And the people, oh, the people. Not only do they find the requisite picturesque mix of saints and sinners — a mother of four who wears jodhpurs? A guy with tattos encircling his neck? — but also the truly talented. Even the designers who get the boot early manage to scrape together a garment that could certainly strut down Melrose, if not a catwalk in Milan. Sometimes using only shower curtains and a duvet cover. How is this possible?

Drama is provided, of course. But while catty comments, calculated maneuvers and sometimes surprising judgments spice up the proceedings, it is the weekly art-from-air magic that enthralls the viewer, offering a glimpse into the rarefied world of fashion construction. Please, "Project Runway," bring it back!

MARY McNAMARA (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Today's Top Stops

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BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU Nice Legs

The time of year for uncorking the delicate, young French wine is upon us. While Bistro du Coin always holds a raucous Beaujolais Nouveau event, Les Halles also begins handing out the good stuff at midnight tonight. Be there for free wine, free tripe and some alcohol-induced dancing.

→ *Les Halles, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 9 p.m., free; 202-347-6848. (Metro Center)*

ISABEL ALLENDE Magical Realist

2 To honor its 20th anniversary, the National Museum of Women in the Arts presents Isabel Allende. The renowned Chilean novelist and author of "The House of Spirits" joins Marie Arana, editor of The Washington Post's Book World, for a conversation.

→ *Organization of American States, 17th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 6:30 p.m., \$25; 202-783-7992. (Farragut North)*

GALACTIC They're Jammin'

3 Indie hip-hoppers tour with sax-and-guitar-led New Orleans jam band Galactic. They back Lifesavas, Chali 2na, Mr. Lif and Boots Riley tonight at the 9:30 Club, with undoubtedly eclectic results.

→ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$24; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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White-Collar Popsters by Night

The Caribbean makes sun-free sounds for the working man

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litigator Michael Kentoff, but it's not.

"For years, I always hedged about what I did for a living," he said. "I didn't want people to think that we weren't making a serious artis-



The lawyer, the librarian and the teacher, aka pop-rock band the Caribbean.

tic statement, or trying to.

On Thursday, the Caribbean, a remarkably prolific bedroom-pop collective that records songs brimming with interesting instrumentation — with its members rotating instruments — will perform in support of its new record, "Populations," at the D.C. record store Crooked Beat. TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

→ *Crooked Beat Records, 2318 18th St. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-483-2328. (Woodley Park/Zoo-Adams Morgan)*



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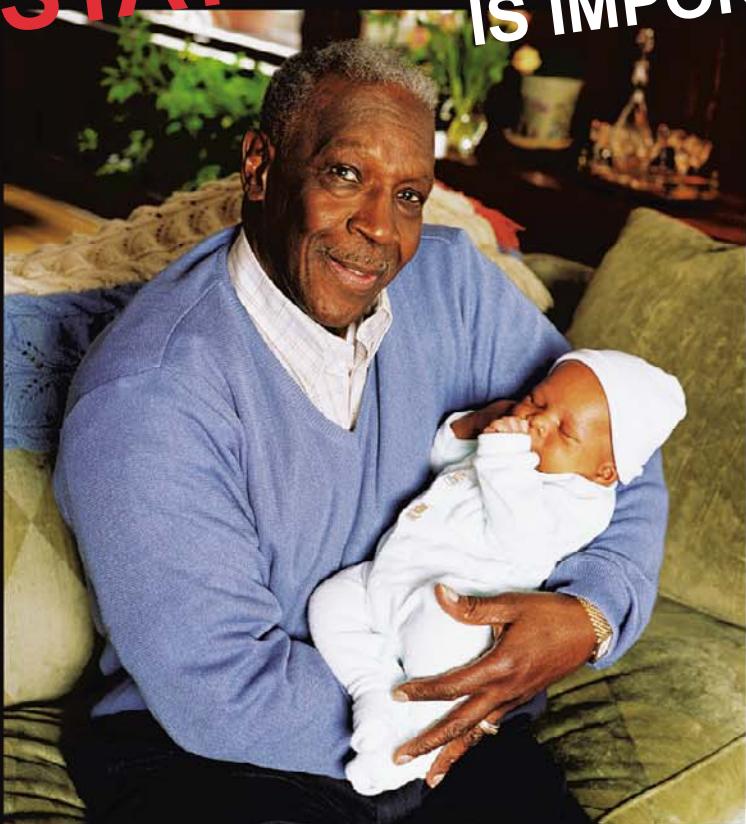
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 AFTER DARK HORRORFEST: LAKE DEAD (R) 4:00
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 AFTER DARK HORRORFEST: TOOTH AND NAIL (R) 8:00
 AFTER DARK HORRORFEST: UNEARTHED (R) 2:00
 FRED CLAUS (PG) ✓ 1:20, 2:20, 3:00, 4:20, 5:20, 6:00, 7:20, 8:20, 9:00, 10:20
 LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) ✓ 1:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
 P2 (R) ✓ 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:45
 AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:40, 3:20, 4:00, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30
 BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:40, 2:30, 3:40, 4:30, 5:40, 6:30, 7:10, 8:30, 9:20, 10:10
 THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
 DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 3:10, 5:50, 8:25
 SAW IV (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40, 10:30
 30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 1:15, 4:10, 10:45
 TIM BURTON'S THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:25
 FRED CLAUS (PG) 1:20, 2:50, 4:10, 5:40, 7:00, 8:30, 9:50
 LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05
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 DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
 SAW IV (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
 30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
 MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 9:35 PM
 TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
 THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:30, 4:05, 6:55
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 GONE BABY GONE (R) 2:00, 7:10
 ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 9:30 PM

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FRED CLAUS (PG) ✓ 2:30, 3:30, 5:20, 6:30, 8:00
 THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) 3:00, 5:30, 7:50
 SAW IV (R) 3:20, 5:50, 8:20
 ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) 2:35, 5:10, 7:40
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AMC SELECT
 THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 3:10, 5:40, 8:10
 GONE BABY GONE (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20
 EASTERN PROMISES (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10

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FRED CLAUS (PG) 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
 P2 (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
 AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 12:25, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 5:05, 6:05, 7:05, 8:45, 9:45
 BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:05, 1:30, 2:30, 4:05, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
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 30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 1:25, 4:25
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 THE GAME PLAN (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20

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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:30, 2:20, 4:10, 4:40, 7:10, 7:40
 BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20
 THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:30
 LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20
 INTO THE WILD (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
 LUST, CAUTION (NC-17) 1:30, 4:30, 7:40

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FRED CLAUS (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
 LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:30
 AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:30, 6:30
 BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:55, 4:05, 7:05
 MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00

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FRED CLAUS (PG) 1:20, 2:50, 4:10, 5:40, 7:00, 8:30, 9:50

LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05

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SAW IV (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 9:35 PM

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55

THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:30, 4:05, 6:55

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AMC SELECT

GONE BABY GONE (R) 2:00, 7:10

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 9:30 PM

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

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FRED CLAUS (PG) ✓ 1:15, 4:15, 7:00

LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) ✓ 5:30, 8:00

P2 (R) ✓ 5:20, 7:50

AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 12:45, 2:00, 4:15, 5:40, 7:50, 9:30

BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30

THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) 4:30

SAW IV (R) 5:00, 7:40

30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 7:20

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 4:45, 7:30

THE GAME PLAN (PG) 4:35, 7:10

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AMC SELECT

GONE BABY GONE (R) 4:40, 10:25

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

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DIGITAL 3D

TIM BURTON'S THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG) 1:25, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40

FRED CLAUS (PG) ✓ 1:15, 2:35, 4:05, 5:25, 7:05, 8:10, 9:50, 10:45

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THE MARTIAN CHILD (PG) 1:30, 3:45, 6:10, 8:00, 10:45

DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 1:25, 3:25, 5:50, 8:20, 10:40

SAW IV (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:20

30 DAYS OF NIGHT (R) 4:20, 10:05

RENDITION (R) 1:35, 7:15

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:45, 10:35

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:45, 10:35

THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:55, 4:35

GARTH BROOKS - NCM EVENT (NR-NOT RATED) ✓ 9:00 PM

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GONE BABY GONE (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10

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FRED CLAUS (PG) ✓ 2:15, 5:10, 7:50

LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) ✓ 2:20, 4:50, 7:40

AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 3:45, 7:00

BEE MOVIE (PG) 2:40, 5:00, 7:20

DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:50, 4:35, 7:15

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 2:00, 4:45

THE GAME PLAN (PG) 4:50, 10:00

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AMC SELECT

BELLA (PG13) 1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20

BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R) 1:55, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10

GONE BABY GONE (R) 2:15, 7:40

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FRED CLAUS (PG) ✓ 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25

LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) ✓ 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

P2 (R) ✓ 2:05, 4:35, 10:10

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SAW IV (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35

RENDITION (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:45

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30

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GONE BABY GONE (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

INTO THE WILD (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:35

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BLADE RUNNER: THE FINAL CUT (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00

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BLADE RUNNER: THE FINAL CUT (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00

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INTO THE WILD (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:35

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Entertainment



WORK BUDDIES: James Gandolfini, left, stars in the film by John Turturro, right.

True Tale of 'Romance'

John Turturro's offbeat film finally gets its 15 minutes

WACKY | Early in John Turturro's film "Romance & Cigarettes," the main character, played by James Gandolfini, exits his ramshackle house after a drag-out fight with his wife.

The actor, evoking the indelible Tony Soprano, looks as though he's about to explode on-screen yet again. Instead, he gracefully descends the porch stairs, breaking wistfully into Engelbert Humperdinck's "Lonely Is a Man Without Love" as dancing garbage men surround him.

It's at this moment that audiences realize they're in for something different with "Romance & Cigarettes."

"It takes a little while," says Gandolfini, imagining puzzled audience members. "They're all like dogs going, 'Huh?'"

Moviegoers almost didn't get the chance. Though Turturro's first two directing efforts (1992's "Mac" and 1998's "Illuminata") drew accolades, "Romance & Cigarettes" was the luckless orphan of corpo-

rate shuffling.

"Romance" was to have been released theatrically by United Artists, but when a group led by Sony Corp. acquired Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the films at UA (an MGM subsidiary) were reevaluated. Without so much as a test screening, the \$11 million "Romance & Cigarettes" was shelved — despite a cast that includes Susan Sarandon, Kate Winslet, Steve Buscemi, Christopher Walken, Mandy Moore, Mary-Louise Parker and Elaine Stritch.

The "working-class opera" — as Turturro calls it — isn't for everyone. But the surreal film has found positive reviews and kept audiences laughing in astonishment at the romance of its lewd characters.

With the help of some friends, Turturro is now releasing the film himself, more than two years after it was finished. Joel and Ethan Coen are executive producers. Adam Sandler helped persuade the studio to allow Turturro to release it himself.

After a successful opening run at New York's Film Forum, "Romance & Cigarettes" has expanded to cities including San Francisco and Washington, D.C. JAKE COYLE (AP)

CLOSE CALL: Despite "Damages'" mediocre ratings, FX announced Monday that it had ordered an additional two seasons of the Glenn Close legal thriller. Execs hope to drive more viewers to the program through DVD sales and award nominations.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

SOUNDS LIKE A RIOT

Tonight's **BACK TO YOU** (8 p.m., Fox), starring "Raymond" alumnus Patricia Heaton and Kelsey Grammer ("Frasier"), borrows a page from Grammer's old show when a raccoon trapped in the attic leads to a farcical succession of events culminating in a flaming sofa.

LUCKY GUY!

Death gets the pick of the litter on **PUSHING DAISIES** (8 p.m., ABC).

EVERYBODY'S BORED

The sophomore sitcom **'TIL DEATH** (8:30 p.m., Fox) borrows a plot from star Brad Garrett's old show "Everybody Loves Raymond." In tonight's "Death," Eddie (Garrett) and Joy (Joely Fisher) bicker over a broken bedside lamp.



HONEYMOON'S OVER: Brad Garrett and Joely Fisher star in "Til Death."

MMM ... SILENCE

The little tramp (Charlie Chaplin) joins **THE CIRCUS** (10:45 p.m., TCM) in the 1928 silent comedy chosen by guest programmer Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Oh, the Darlings

**Is a member of TV's
brattiest family taken
with her lawyer?**

LUST | The year's smartest new guilty pleasure, "Dirty Sexy Money" (10 p.m.), may be the one breakout show in an unremarkable season.

Like any good champagne soap opera, its characters vacillate between moments of extreme selfishness and romantic longing. We know these deeper sentiments arise from their narcissistic hearts, but that doesn't mean they aren't real.

In tonight's fine episode, the thrice-married Karen Darling (Nat-



OBJECT OF AFFECTION? Peter Krause as Nick George on "Dirty Sexy Money."

alie Zea) stands on the precipice of wedding No. 4, but she wants to call it off. Is this because she's a spoiled brat, or because of her profound love for Nick (Peter Krause), the Darling family lawyer at the center of the show? Nick's wife, Lisa (Zoe McLellan), certainly thinks it's the latter.

Patrick Darling (William Baldwin) is willing to risk his political career and marriage for his true love: a woman who was once a man. And Tripp Darling (Donald Sutherland), the family patriarch with the greatest potential for calculating vengeance and avarice, also seems the family's biggest softy. He spends his daughter's wedding day in a haze of good feeling, willfully oblivious to Karen's character and pattern of behavior. KEVIN MCDONOUGH

TV Listings - Week of [Current Week]																									
Local Channels		6:00 PM		6:30		7:00		7:30		8:00		8:30		9:00		9:30		10:00		10:30		11:00		11:30	
WRC	4	News (N) CC	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Phenomenon (S Live) CC	Bionic Woman "Trust Issues" (N) I	(:01) Life "Farthingale" (N) I CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	TMZ I CC	News (N) CC	Tonight Show													
WTTG	5	News (N)	TMZ (N) I CC	The Simpsons I	Seinfeld I CC	Back to You (N) 'Til Death (N) I	Kitchen Nightmares "Finn McCool's"	News (N)	News (N)	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	TMZ I CC													
WJLA	7	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Pushing Daisies "Bitches" (N) CC	Private Practice (N) I CC	(:02) Dirty Sexy Money (N) I CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	(:35) Nightline (N)														
WUSA	9	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Kid Nation "Not Even Close to Fair"	Criminal Minds "Lucky" (N) I CC	CSI: NY "Buzzkill" (N) I CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	Late Show														
WDCA	20	Judge Judy (N) I	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	Decision House (N) I CC	Meet My Folks I CC	Every-Raymond	King of the Hill I	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC															
WMPT	22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Wired Science (N) I CC	The War "A World Without War" I CC (DVS)	Wild Florida I																		
WETA	26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Nature I CC (DVS)	The War "A World Without War" I CC (DVS)	Charlie Rose (N)																		
WHUT	32	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley I	BBC World News	Moneywise	Air Force 60th Anniversary	Honor: Stories From Vietnam	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley I	Charlie Rose (N) I CC															
WDCW	50	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Friends I CC	America's Next Top Model (N) CC	Gossip Girl "Seventeen Candles" (N)	Family Guy CC	Friends I CC	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City														
A&E	Cold Case Files CC		CSI: Miami "Body Count" I CC		CSI: Miami "Payback" I CC		CSI: Miami "The Score" I CC		The Sopranos "The Test Dream" I		(:10) The First 48 CC														
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		Growing Up... Grizzly bear cubs.		Mission Giant Otter Orphaned otters.		Swimming Lions CC		Animal Cops Houston CC		Growing Up... Grizzly bear cubs.														
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live CC		Movie Special (N)		BET Hip-Hop Awards 2007 CC		American Gangster "Jeff Fort" (N)		Hell Date CC		Hell Date CC														
Bravo	Project Runway "Black and White"		Project Runway "What the Elle?"		Project Runway CC		Project Runway "Finale" CC		Project Runway (Season Premiere) (N)		Project Runway CC														
Comedy	(5:00) ★ "My Boss's Daughter" CC		Scrubs I CC		Scrubs I CC		Daily Show		Colbert Report		Chappelle's Show		South Park CC		S. Silverman		Daily Show		Colbert Report						
Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		Cops I CC		Cops I CC		Most Shocking		Forensic Files (N)		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Psychic Detect		Murder by the Book "David Baldacci"								
Discovery	How It's Made		How It's Made		How It's Made		MythBusters Submerged car. CC		MythBusters "Supersized Myths" The team orders everything supersized. (N)		MythBusters "Exploding Lighter"														
DISCH	Code Blue "Fighting the Good Fight"		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Big Medicine "Last Hope"		Trauma: Life in the ER CC														
Disney	The Suite Life		Zack & Cody		Hannah Montana		Zack & Cody		"Go Figure" (2005, Drama) Jordan Hinson. I CC		That's So Raven		That's So Raven		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody		Hannah Montana						
E!	Sunset Tan		Chelsea Lately		E! News (N)		The Daily 10 (N)		Over the Top		Rock Star Wives: The E! True Hollywood Story I CC		Kardashians		Kardashians		E! News		Chelsea Lately (N)						
FX	(5:30) ★★ "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan.		★★ "Tears of the Sun" (2003, Action) Bruce Willis, Navy SEALs protect Nigerian refugees from ruthless rebels.		★★ "Tears of the Sun" (2003, Action) Bruce Willis, Navy SEALs protect Nigerian refugees from ruthless rebels.		★★ "Tears of the Sun" (2003)																		
HGTV	Rezoned (N)		If Walls Could		House Worth?		House Hunters		Designed to Sell		Get It Sold (N)		Deserving Design		Design on a Dime		House Hunters		House Worth?						
Family	8 Simple Rules I		8 Simple Rules I		★★★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993) Robin Williams. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children. CC		That's So Raven		That's So Raven		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody		Hannah Montana		America's Funniest Home Videos I		The 700 Club CC						
History	Declassified		Beatle John Lennon.		Plumbing: The Arteries of Civilization		Boneyard Building components. CC		Lost Worlds		Ivan the Terrible. (N)		MonsterQuest "Giant Squid Found?"		UFOs: Then and Now		Will & Grace I		Will & Grace I						
Lifetime	Reba I CC		Reba I CC		Still Standing I		Still Standing I		Reba I CC		Reba I CC		"Nora Roberts' Angels Fall" (2007, Suspense) Heather Locklear. CC		"Nora Roberts' Angels Fall" (2007, Suspense) Heather Locklear. CC		UFOs: Then and Now		Will & Grace I		Will & Grace I				
MTV	(5:30) Made I		Made I		A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila I		Shot at Love		Run's House I		The Hills I		The Real World		Pageant Place (N)		True Life I		True Life I						
NICK	Drake & Josh I		Drake & Josh I		Zoey 101 Dancing.		Ned's School		Drake & Josh I		Full House CC		Home Improve.		Home Improve.		George Lopez I		George Lopez I		Fresh Prince				
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Inauguration" CC		Ghost Hunters "O.K. Corral" CC		Ghost Hunters "Nightmare Noises"		Ghost Hunters TAPS' memorable investigations. (N) CC		Ghost Hunters "Best Of" I CC		Ghost Hunters I														
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation I		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation I		UFC Unleashed (N) I		The Ultimate Fighter (N) I		MANswers (N) I		MANswers CC												
TBS	Friends I CC		Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		Family Guy CC		House of Payne		House of Payne		House of Payne		Sex and the City		Sex and the City		Sex and the City						
TLC	Flip That House		Flip That House		Marriage Camp (N)		Wild Child: Feral Children		Can't Stop Growing CC		I'd Kill for a Baby Infant abduction.		Wild Child: Feral Children												
TNT	Law & Order "Tabloid" CC (DVS)		Law & Order "The Collar" I		Law & Order "Choice of Evils" I		★★★ "The Upside of Anger" (2005) Joan Allen, Kevin Costner. CC		Without a Trace "The Calm Before"																
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit I		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit I		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC														
VHI	Hogan Knows		Hogan Knows		Salt N Pepa		Salt N Pepa		America's Most Smartest Model I		I Love New York Blood oath. I		I Love New York Return. I		★★★ "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama)		★★★ "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama)		★★★ "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama)						
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SPORTS	ESPN		SportsCenter (Live) CC		College Basketball North Carolina at Davidson. (Live) CC		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets. From Toyota Center in Houston. CC		SportsCenter																
ESPN2	NASCAR Now (Live) CC		Football Live		College Football Akron at Miami-Ohio. (Live) CC		College Basketball: NIT Season Tip-Off Regional Final																		
CSN	SportsNite CC		SportsNite CC		NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Washington Wizards. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.		SportsNite CC		SportsNite (Live) CC		Washington Post Live														
NEWS	CNN (4:00) The Situation Room (Live)		Lou Dobbs Tonight (Live) CC		Out in the Open		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC																
FNC	Special Report CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor CC		Hannity & Colmes CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor														
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: San Quentin		MSNBC Reports "Sex Bunker"														
MOVIES	AMC (5:30) ★★ "Insomnia" (2002, Suspense) Al Pacino, Hilary Swank. 'R' CC		★★ "The Hunt for Red October" (1990, Suspense) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, Scott Glenn. 'PG'		★★ "Below" (2002) Matthew Davis. 'R'																				
TCM	Out West With I ★ "Five Little Peppers in Trouble" (1940) Edith Fellows.		★★ "Blues in the Night" (1941) Priscilla Lane. 'NR' CC		★★ "Way Out West" (1937) G'		(:45) ★★ "The Circus" (1928) Charlie Chaplin. 'G'																		
HBO	(5:15) ★★ "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts. A beauty tames a savage beast. I 'PG-13' CC		To Die in Jerusalem I CC		Love-Cholera		Inside the NFL (N) I CC		Real Time With Bill Maher Ken Burns.																
MAX	Last Boy Scout (:35) ★★ "Smokin' Aces" (2007, Action) Ben Affleck, Alicia Keys. I 'R' CC		★ "Let's Go to Prison" (2006) Dax Shepard. I 'R' CC		★★ "The Last King of Scotland" (2006) Forest Whitaker. I 'R' CC																				
SHOW	(:15) ★★ "Man About Town" (2006) Ben Affleck. iTV. I 'R' CC		(7:55) ★★ "Waiting ..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds. 'R' CC		Weeds (ITV) I		Dexter Lila's influence takes its toll. (10:55) Brotherhood (ITV) I CC																		
TMC	(:10) ★★ "Circle of Iron" (1979, Adventure) David Carradine, Jeff Cooper. 'R'		Neil Young: Heart of Gold I CC		(:45) ★★ "Asylum" (2005, Drama) Natasha Richardson. I 'R' CC		House of Fools																		
STARZ!	(4:50) The Queen (:35) ★★ "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" (2005) 'PG' CC		★★ "Click" (2006, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kate Beckinsale. I 'PG-13' CC		(:10:50) ★★ "Scream" (1996) 'R'																				
ENCORE	(:10) ★★ "Operation Dumbo Drop" (1995) Danny Glover. I 'PG' CC		★★ "From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996, Action) Harvey Keitel. I 'R' CC		(9:50) ★★ "When a Stranger Calls" (2006) Camilla Belle. I 'R'																				

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Empty Threat

Real Estate

Foreclosures are turning communities into havens for crime

Eighty-five bungalows dot the cul-de-sac that joins West Ontario Avenue and East Ontario Avenue in Atlanta. Twenty-two are vacant, victims of mortgage fraud and foreclosure. Now house fires, prostitution, vandals and burglaries terrorize the residents left in this historic neighborhood called Westview Village.

"It's created a safety hazard. And if we have to sell our house tomorrow, we're out of luck," said resident Scott Smith. "Real estate agents say

to me 'We're not redlining you, but I tell my clients to think twice about buying here.'

As defaults surge on mortgages made to borrowers with spotty credit and adjustable-rate loans, more people are noticing that their neighbors are caught up in the meltdown. Their misfortunes are haunting those left living on the same streets. The effects aren't confined to just low-income or redeveloping communities; they are seeping into middle-class neighborhoods and brand-new developments, too.

Smith, vice president of Westview Community Organization Inc., keeps a map of the area, tracking each vacant property and notifying local officials when nefarious activity is suspected.

Georgia has the eighth-highest foreclosure rate in the nation,

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MORTGAGE MESS: Westview Village in Atlanta has been hit hard by the credit crisis.

one filing for every 142 households, according to a third-quarter report from foreclosure tracker RealtyTrac Inc. Nevada has the worst foreclosure rate, with one filing in every 61 households, while the nationwide rate is one filing for every 196 households.

"They've seen a lot of prostitution in the area, vagrants wandering

in and out of the empty houses and drug activity," said Officer Dakota Richardson of the Atlanta Police Department. "Some people that I talked to are afraid to walk out of their homes at night."

Some other people in the area have been affected by break-ins, and there have been house fires in several of the vacant homes in the

past year, Richardson said.

The rise in crime in Westview is typical of a neighborhood struggling with numerous foreclosures, according to a recent study by Dan Immergluck of the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and Geoff Smith of the Woodstock Institute in Chicago.

That study showed that when the foreclosure rate increases 1 percentage point, neighborhood violent crime rises 2.33 percent.

"The key here is the concentration of those foreclosures at a neighborhood level. When you have more than one foreclosure in a few-block area, that's when you start to think about the effects on property values and the effects on crime," Immergluck said.

Historically the most affected areas were lower-income and were prone to subprime and predatory lending, irresponsible house flipping and mortgage fraud, Immergluck said.

However, "the problem now is on a different scale," he said. "It's affecting a lot more suburban, moderate-income places" as more people of different incomes default on riskier loans. J.W. ELPHINSTONE (AP)

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Presents for the Earth

Environment

Living Christmas trees can be planted after the holiday ends

If you're dreaming of a green Christmas, you can start with a living Christmas tree.

Haul it home, decorate it, stack presents beneath it, celebrate around it and then — rather than dragging it to the curb with the discarded wrapping paper — place it into a hole in the yard and enjoy it as part of the landscape for many holidays to come.

Living Christmas trees made up a very small percentage of the 28.6 million real trees sold last year, said Rick Dungey, public relations manager for the National Christmas Tree Association in Chesterfield, Mo. Although the group doesn't keep specific data on living trees, Dungey said the trees are more popular in warm areas, where they seem to survive better.



Greg Sullivan arranges living Christmas trees at a nursery in Hopkinton, Mass.

The relatively few nursery operators who sell live trees generally market them as "b&b" (with the

roots balled and burlapped) or in pots, Dungey said.

"Containerized trees are grown

“When a tree is planted after the holidays and it begins to grow again ... , it becomes a symbol of rebirth.”

STEVE MANNHARD, FISH RIVER TREES

in tubs sunk into the ground on the Christmas tree farms. Rather than get a mechanical digger and excavate a big root ball, they just haul up the container," he said. "Balled-and-burlapped varieties have a bit better survivability, but they're bulky and a real load to handle."

Steve Mannhard, owner of Fish River Trees, a 45-acre choose-and-cut operation near Summerdale, Ala., says he gets a lot of repeat business for living trees from customers who plant them in their yard or donate them to churches, schools or neighbors. Live Christmas trees are cleaner and safer than the pre-

cut varieties when watered properly, he said.

"They will eliminate a lot of the mess or the needle drop you have with cut trees. People will tolerate that, but they're not crazy about it," he says. "And the greenery on a living tree won't burn. It's like putting lights on an outdoor tree."

Living trees cost about as much as the pre-cut versions if customers are willing to drive to Mannhard's farm to pick them up. Prices for the balled and burlapped varieties are similar.

"White pines sell here for \$50 to \$60," said David Daniken, owner of Daniken Tree Farms in Pocahontas, Ill. "Norway spruce go for \$70 to \$75."

Mannhard said his customers are planting the trees together as a post-Christmas family event.

"Children are getting trees named after them. That will be a strong emotional tug for those children after they grow up to go back and look at that tree and remember when their parents, grandparents and themselves put it there," he said.

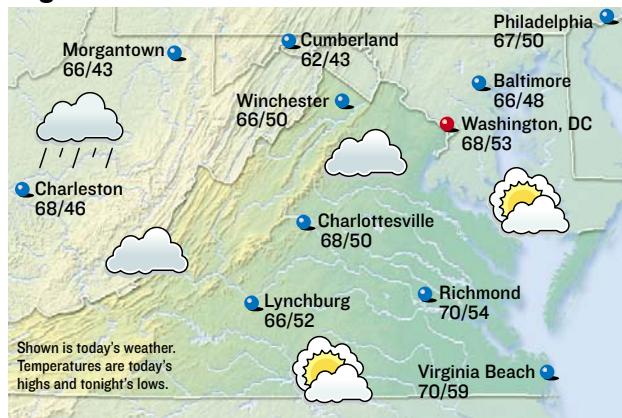
And the symbolism can hit home as soon as Easter: "When a tree is planted after the holidays and it begins to grow again in the spring, it becomes a symbol of rebirth."

DEAN FOSDICK (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny, mild 68°	Cloudy, thundery rains late 53°	Morning rain, cooler 55° / 38°	Partly sunny, windy, colder 49° / 35°	Partly sunny 54° / 38°	Cloudy, chance of a little rain 55° / 40°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	62°
Low	50°
Normal high	58°
Normal low	41°
Average humidity	78%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.08"
Month to date	0.55"
Normal month to date	1.30"
Year to date	28.74"
Last year to date	44.32"
Normal year to date	34.57"

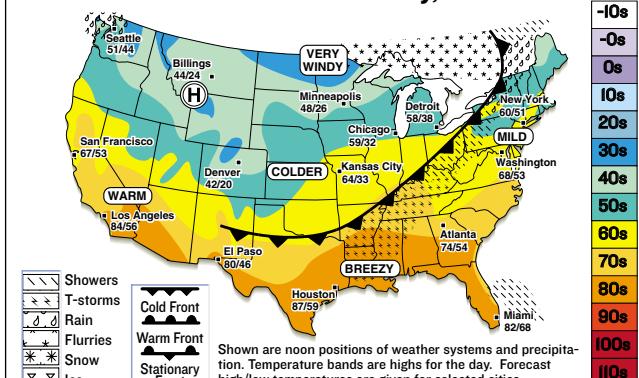
For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, mild. High 68. Wind south-southwest 6-12 mph.

Tonight, mostly cloudy, rain late. Low 63. Wind south 6-12 mph.

National Weather for Wednesday, November 14



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	74/54/c	56/37/s	Amsterdam	45/36/pc	45/36/pc
Boston	60/46/pc	57/36/r	Athens	63/57/sh	68/54/c
Chicago	59/32/pc	46/28/s	Berlin	36/30/sn	37/30/c
Dallas	76/48/pc	68/38/s	Buenos Aires	63/50/s	70/54/s
Denver	42/20/pc	55/31/s	Calgary	40/23/s	39/27/c
Honolulu	84/71/s	84/72/s	Dublin	55/43/sh	54/41/pc
Los Angeles	84/56/s	78/56/s	Geneva	45/33/sh	35/20/c
Miami	82/68/pc	82/63/pc	Moscow	28/25/sn	27/23/sn
New York City	60/51/pc	53/39/r	Rome	55/37/r	59/39/pc
Orlando	82/59/s	81/50/pc	Sydney	77/68/pc	79/68/pc
Seattle	51/44/c	54/46/r	Tokyo	60/50/s	62/49/s

Legend:

- s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

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BLINDING COLOR: If a fashionista's closet were full of vibrant frocks, like these in the Just Cavalli showroom in New York, she'd need shades just to pick out an outfit.

Urban Jungle

Roberto Cavalli's new collection is African meets East Village

Africa-meets-downtown New York was the theme for Just Cavalli's spring '08 collections for men and women, with plenty of Roberto Cavalli's characteristically exuberant prints and colors for aspiring new ravers and those looking to climb aboard the tribal print trend train come spring.

Cavalli's photographs from trips

to Africa, taken when he was young, served as the primary inspiration for the prints, but they have a hip, urban sensibility: Think Basquiat and Keith Haring in an '80s East Village dance club; they're like graffiti versions of traditional tribal designs.

Colors like canary yellow, acid green and fuchsia prevail in this collection, which also features some innovative constructions: A caftan becomes more body-conscious with

a few creatively placed side seams, making it sexy yet comfortable. Blouses, too, have a loose, flowing shape, but would look great paired with one of Cavalli's tough, sculptural leather jackets for an added bit of edginess and structure.

For men who aren't quite ready to take the plunge into the land of Just Cavalli print and color zaniness, or don't

have the guts to don a sheer caftan, the brand has been taking steps to improve and expand its selection of more formal pieces, including a variety of suit options. Accessories, too — shoes, bags and belts — are strong, with just the right mix of fashion and function. A plain white sneaker might have details like silver Velcro straps, and a particularly clever belt looks like a larger version of a gold or titanium wristwatch.

All in all, sexy, but still street.

RENATA ESPINOSA (FASHION WIRE DAILY)



A SIMBA SKIRT? We can't help thinking that if you put this bottom on your head, you'd look like a "Lion King" character.

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Skin Care



For Your Malibu Tan

Veronica Malibu is an awesome name. It is not, however, Veronica's real surname (the less-poetic "Barton-Schwartz"), but the location of her very fancy medispa. The skin care specialist recently debuted three of her own products, including the **SEAWEED PEPTIDE SERUM** (above, \$170, Veronicaskincare.com) and **SUPER ANTIOXIDANT CREAM** (\$155) wetested. We most enjoyed the latter, a soothing moisturizer with a pleasant soapy scent. Unlike some antioxidant formulas, it didn't burn. H.J.M.

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Memory & Myncis

Former Gorky's Zygotic Mynci frontman Euros Childs has embarked on his first solo tour of the U.S., and he'll bring his eclectic sullen-to-somber songs to DC9 on Wednesday. Express' Michael Grass spoke with the soft-spoken Welshman about music venues that live on only in the mind. | COMING UP



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Lettuce Giveaway

There may be no such thing as a free lunch — but free salad, that you can find. New York City's Chop't Creative Salad Co. is opening a location in the District, and it's giving away salad to customers who show up for lunch. Find out where and when to go. | ONLINE NOW



comment board

“This pope hasn’t

yet earned a non-Catholic following, but it would be nice if he brings D.C. a message of unity, peace and love.”

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER, WHO ADDED, “THAT’S HOW THE LAST POPE, MOTHER TERESA AND THE DALAI LAMA EARNED RESPECT FROM THOSE OUTSIDE THEIR FAITH.”



“I can’t wait! I’ve

seen temporal leaders, but the chance to meet my spiritual leader is going to be great.”

COMMENTER PDUBYA, WHO ADDED, “HE HAS HELPED TO BRING TOGETHER DISPARATE PARTS OF THE CHURCH AND IS HELPING TO CARRY ON THE REFORMS OF VATICAN II.”

“Not only am I not Catholic — so [I don’t] care about the pope — but I also believe organized religion is the biggest scam ever perpetrated in human society.”

COMMENTER DANIELLE, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY’S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “WILL YOU MAKE PLANS TO SEE POPE BENEDICT XVI WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON IN 2008?”

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

WILL YOU MAKE PLANS TO SEE POPE BENEDICT XVI WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON IN 2008?

NO 73%

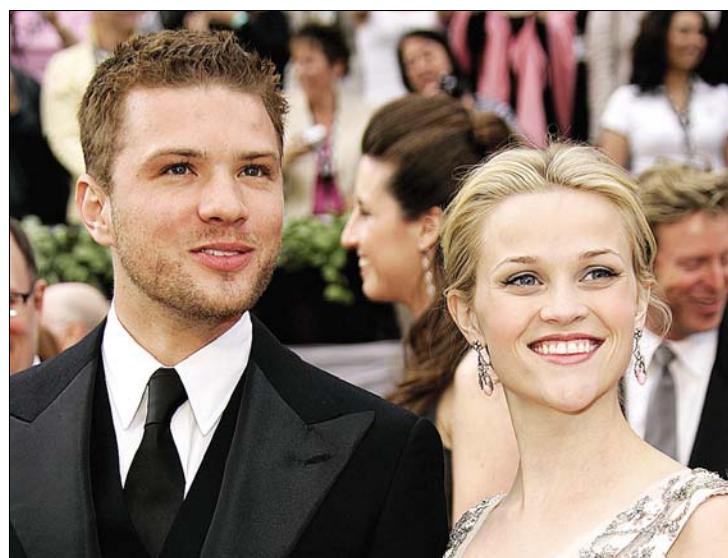
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HOGSHEAVEN.COM ASSESSES THE REDSKINS AFTER SUNDAY'S LOSS TO THE EAGLES.

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CAPITALWEATHER.COM IS MONITORING A CYCLONE NAMED SIDR THAT'S TAKING AIM AT LOW-LYING BANGLADESH.

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“I’m actually still pretty surprised that Reese Witherspoon would choose to cut a hottie like [Ryan Phillippe] loose.”

ALTHOUGH WITHERSPOON HAS MOVED ON ROMANTICALLY WITH JAKE GYLLENHAAL, **PINKISTHENEWBLOG.COM** IS STILL IN SHOCK THAT THE ACTRESS AND HER EX-HUSBAND, ACTOR PHILLIPPE, SPLITT.



Discussions

What to Wear

Deputy Editor of the Sunday Source **SUZANNE D’AMATO** and washingtonpost.com Fashion and Beauty Editor **JANET BENNETT KELLY** were online Tuesday to answer what-to-wear questions.

I’m two months into my first job where I have to wear a suit every day. What kinds of tops can I wear underneath my jacket that don’t require dry cleaning and aren’t button-downs?

Last time I was at J. Crew, I noticed that they had a bunch

of long-sleeve, lightweight “tissue tees.” They come in tons of colors, and get this — they’re washable. Because they’re not inexpensive, I’d look for the same sort of thing at H&M and Zara.

I’m a 20-something professional who needs quality clothes at an affordable price. Are there particular stores I should be visiting?

I’d suggest steering clear of spots such as H&M and Zara — tempting as they are, that stuff just doesn’t last, and what you want is a wardrobe of high-quality staples. Instead, consider shopping the sales racks at places such as Urban Chic, Sugar, Circle Boutique and All About Jane.

Please forgive this ignorant question, but what color are tights supposed to be? Is it best to match tights and skirt color? (I’m thinking of knee-length or mid-thigh skirts.)

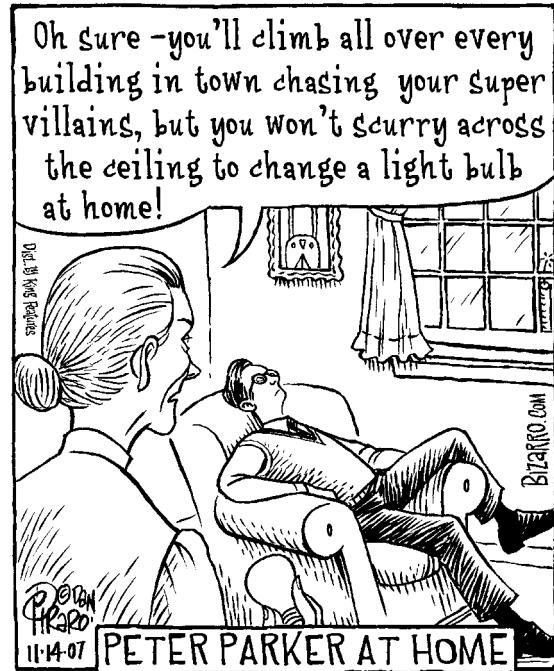
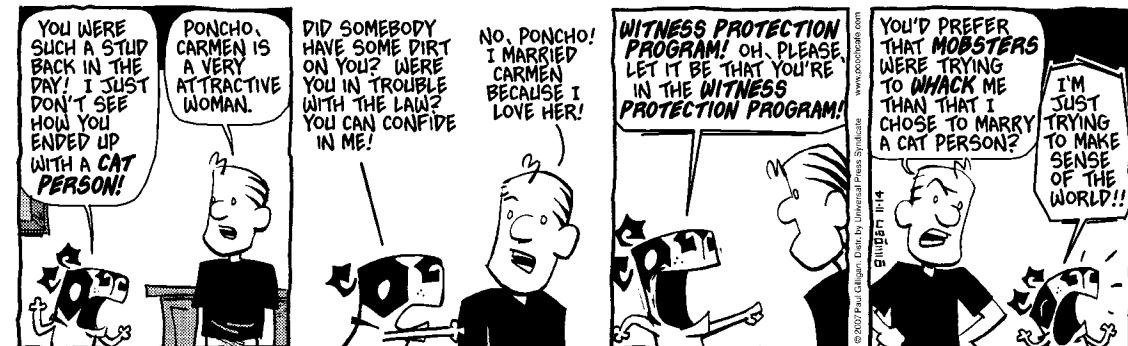
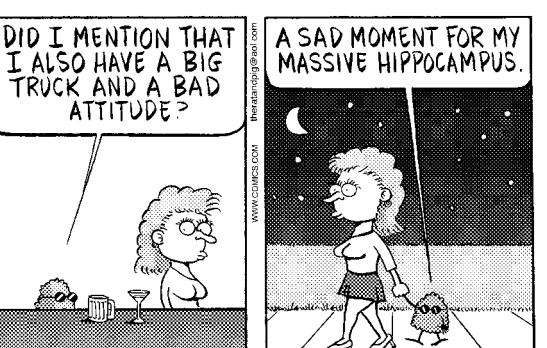
Tights don’t have to be any one color or pattern, for that matter, and you don’t need to match your tights with your skirt color. If you have a plainish skirt, you can kick up the look with a pair of textured colored tights. On the other hand, if your skirt is busy, you may want to tone down the tights.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Post columnist Michael Wilbon takes your questions and comments about the latest sports news at 1:15 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

DO

TELL VIRGINIA TECH, “YOU'RE WELCOME.” Virginia Tech Officials say they are bringing together thousands to spell out a message thanking people for their support after the April 16 campus killings. The message “VT Thanks You” will be recorded in the air and from a satellite in space on Saturday.

LOOK out

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin**Pooch Cafe** | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are likely to receive news that puts you in quite a favorable position overall. Take care that you don't wield authority carelessly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are quite strong at this time, with your emotions controlled and in balance with your considerable intellect. It's a good day for decisions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have certain limitations to cope with, even while you strive to beat an important deadline. Be creative with routine affairs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll find yourself involved in a tricky situation with a Sagittarius or Capricorn native. Yield control when necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll receive signs that point to a destination that has fascinated you for some time. Still, your ultimate arrival may still be quite far off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're not

about to give up, but you might have to lie low for a time until circumstances are more favorable and suited to your efforts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take the time to sift through ideas until you hit upon the very one that you feel has the greatest potential for very real success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have an important anniversary of sorts coming up. Be prepared for all contingencies. A secret may be difficult to keep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll be in a position to take on more responsibility before the day is out. Others will see you as a leader to be trusted—and followed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll benefit from someone else's experience, and you will have a chance to put learning to practice very soon. Anticipate great success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're not likely to get away with anything if you feel you have to be furtive or secretive. Be out in the open and honest at all times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Concentrate on working toward something that is steady and reliable, and that can yield profit on a daily basis. Avoid dreamland.



Wreckage is seen from the plane crash that killed Marshall's football team in 1970.

Today in History

the trip in 72 days.)

1969 Apollo 12 blasts off for the moon.

1970 A chartered Southern Airways DC9 crashes while trying to land in Huntington, W.Va., killing all 75 on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

1972 The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

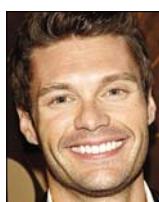
LOOK out People



Ten percent of W.Va. resides in his hat.

STATE PRIDE**75 Percent of Population Of W.Va. Is in Paisley Video**

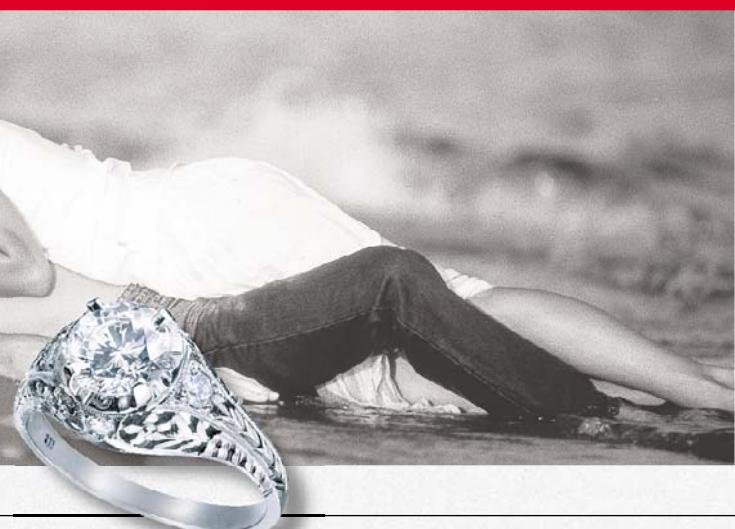
BRAD PAISLEY's new video, scheduled to air Thursday on the Country Music Television network, has special meaning for his West Virginia hometown. "Letter to Me" was filmed entirely in Glen Dale and features many of Paisley's old friends. It was shot at John Marshall High School, his alma mater. (AP)

SINISTER**'Someday, All This Shall Be MINE,' Cackled Ryan**

Dick Clark and **RYAN SEACREST** will ring in 2008 as co-hosts of "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve" on ABC; it will be the show's 36th consecutive year. Clark, 77, missed the show in 2004 when he suffered a stroke. Seacrest, 32, is expected to eventually succeed Clark as host. (AP)

**BLOOD****The Sweat and Tears Are Optional**

LINDSAY LOHAN was seen at a Los Angeles Red Cross facility Monday, according to E! Online, to serve 10 days of community service, part of a plea deal for her DUI convictions. (EXPRESS)



ROCK AND ROLL

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made rice beer. The elephants went on a rampage, then uprooted an electricity pole and were jolted to death. Sangeeta Goswami, head of People for Animals, said: "I am indeed happy Hilton has taken note of recent incidents of wild elephants in northeast India going berserk." (AP)

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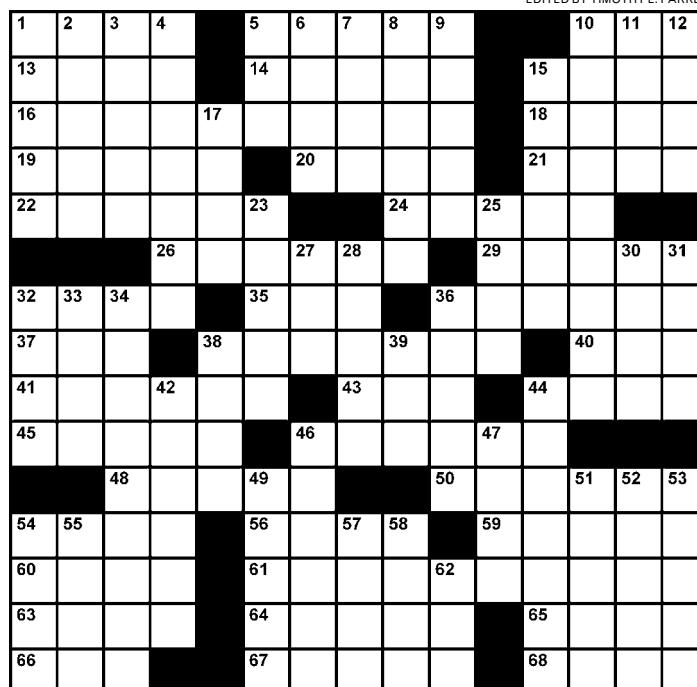
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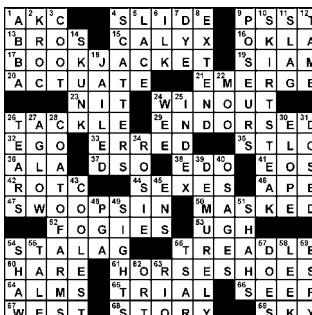
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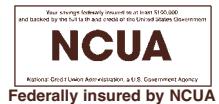
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NETWORKING GROUPS HELP WOMEN AT WORK AND IN LIFE

"I've always been interested in politics but not in being bored," says 31-year-old Megan Cosby, a D.C. business development lawyer. She'd never considered a career on the Hill, but she wished she could dip into the world of lobbying and legislating in a way that

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wasn't as dull as a farm bill hearing. "I don't see why politics can't be talked about among girlfriends over Cosmopolitans," she said.

But that was before Cosby discovered Ladies Who Launch, a networking group that supports and educates women looking to start their own businesses. She knew she wanted to write either lifestyle or commentary-type pieces about politics, and the group helped her decide to do so as a blogger. After going through an "incubator" at LWL, a sort-of guinea pig experience in which she shared her ideas with other members to get feedback and input, Cosby started the almost-daily political blog PoliChicks Online, the "It Girl's Guide to Politics" (Polichicksonline.com).

Posting everything from blurbs on Jenna Bush's book to clips of candidates pontificating, Cosby aims to give readers the juicy bits and need-to-know details of the political world. "Just enough to get by at a cocktail party," she says. The blog launched in mid-August, and by October she was getting thousands of hits per day.

Cosby is one of many women who have networked their way to new careers and side-businesses by joining femme-powered groups.

Ladies Who Launch is an international business that was started in 2002 by Beth Schoenfeldt and Victoria Colligan, who had the vision of supporting female entrepreneurs through both online and in-person events. The company boasts 3,000 local members and 45,000 online subscribers who log on to learn how to successfully navigate a start-up. It has a "Cashmere Mafia" type appeal, which draws many women in. "Their fliers were pink. It offered a very feminine presentation of how to start a business, and that was attractive to me," says Cosby. "I could meet with other girlfriends but talk business."

"We're open to any woman who wants to launch anything," says LWL co-founder Beth Schoenfeldt. "We're for the woman who wants to make decisions for herself and wants to make things work on her own terms."

Schoenfeldt claims that women are starting businesses at close to three times the rate of men. Sure,



At networking events, women share resources that help them build businesses.

they're interested in making money, but, she says, that's not the driving force for most female entrepreneurs. "They're motivated by lifestyle reasons, passion and fulfillment," she says. "Women want to do something they love every day. They'll take less money in exchange for freedom, creativity and flexibility."

Many women have found that such networking groups are a great way to make new contacts and generate referrals for their own businesses. Ladies Who Launch's "incubator" even lets women pitch their ideas for products or services at other members so they can dole out advice and feedback. Such input helps these wannabe entrepreneurs adjust their strategies and concepts before printing up their business cards and putting out "now open" signs.

Cosby says this approach gave her confidence. "I felt much more comfortable doing what I planned to do. I went into it wanting to present politics in a feminine forum, and the feedback I got made me more comfortable. Other places made me feel like I was dumbing down a topic, which isn't what I wanted to do at all."

Other girl-powered groups in the D.C. area offer more traditional meet-and-greet sessions. Capital Express Network (Capitalexpresssnetwork.org), the local branch of the American Business Women's Association, hosts regular gatherings where members schmooze and share referrals, resources and ideas. Michelle Hughes, a 30-year-old manager at a financial services company in Kensington, Md., is

its president.

"I'm looking for a good, strong network of professional people that can help me," Hughes says. But the idea of an all-female group also appeals to her for a different reason: "Being in a career dominated by males, I wanted to find other women I could use as mentors." Married and planning on having children, Hughes also hopes this circle of friends can help her find the balance she seeks. "I'm trying to learn from other working women how they can work and raise families. I'd like to learn how they can do it all."

CEN members gather monthly — in this case, at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Tivoli Restaurant in Arlington. Over drinks and snacks, each person briefly introduces themselves and their business. A keynote speaker addresses the group on topics ranging from health and wellness to communications, and then a featured member takes a few minutes to explain her company in more detail in an effort to drum up new business. Hughes says their mission is straightforward: "Our objective is to provide a lot of earning and mentoring opportunities, so it's personal and professional development at the same time."

In addition to learning and teaching, many networking groups focus on helping members grow their businesses. This can require bringing in a certain number of referrals for other members each month. Some clubs are stringent about attendance, requiring members to be present at weekly meet-

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ings. That atmosphere didn't appeal to 31-year-old Meredith Maslich of Oakton, Va. She likes the more kicked-back feel of the Springfield Business Women's Network (Help @youralteregos.com), which meets at noon one Friday per month at J.W. and Friends Restaurant in Springfield.

"It was better than other networking groups that I've done because it's less structured. To me, structure equals pressure," she says. Maslich says in her group you can show up or not with no repercussions for missing meetings. She also doesn't care for some networking groups' expectations to hand over a certain number of referrals just to meet a quota.

"I find the referrals I get in this group are much better — they turn into business more frequently," says Maslich. "With no pressure to pass a referral, the ones you get are really good ones."

"Women do business through their relationships, which is why we're a women-only group," says Paula Adkins, who calls herself the "co-conspirator" behind the Springfield assembly that draws 20 to 30 women each month who range from 20-somethings to retirees. "Our name tags don't even leave room for you to list your business name or profession. We want to know you as a woman before we determine whether we can use the service you provide."

"I have found that all women groups are more comfortable and generally more productive," Maslich says. "I never thought I'd be a person to say that. I like that we're allowed to be women, and that means we can bond over shoes as well as what we do for a living."



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CHICK CLICK: The Ladies Who Launch group gave Megan Cosby the confidence to start a political blog, PoliChicks Online.

NETWORK KNOW-HOW

A Web of Support

If you can't spare an hour to gab about your goals for your new restaurant/handbag factory/dog-walking service with other power gals, never fear — support is only a mouse click away. Online networking, sometimes called social networking, also provides a web of wonder women ready and able to talk you through a startup success or an entrepreneurial setback. L.T.

MOMMYTRACK'D: Targets working moms to help them survive and thrive in their careers and at home. The site dishes up quick survival tips (Who knew that a kid's juice box can fill in as a mixer for a cocktail when you run out of tonic water?), message boards and links to sites offering products and services from fellow working moms. Bottoms up! (Mommytrackd.com)

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WOMEN'S ONLINE NETWORK: This group offers classifieds, articles, forums and message boards for chicks looking to connect on all things business and personal. From articles on building profitable Web sites to the ins and outs of the Cabbage Soup Diet, it's a smorgasbord of deliciously femme tidbits. (Womens-online-network.com)

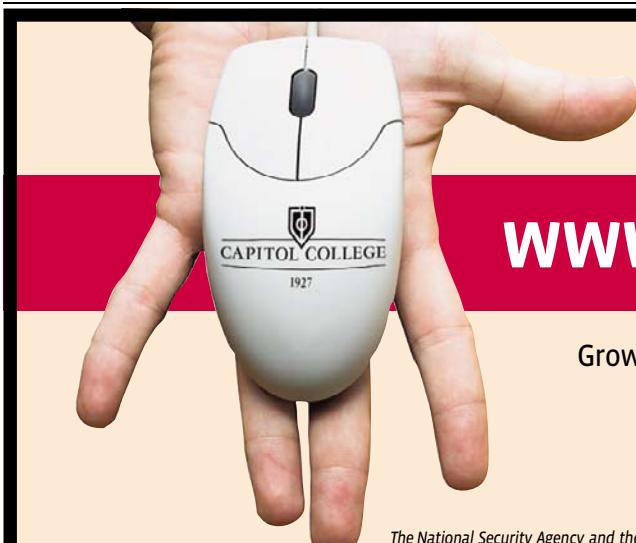
It's not so surprising that all-female forums work. Dr. Vicki Garlock, professor of psychology at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C., says women inherently understand each other. "There's an underlying assumption that you already have things in common," she says. "If you're struggling with feelings of being in a 'good ol' boy' network, there's an assumption that [another woman] is struggling with that as well."

Garlock says women seek out others with whom they have things in common. "You can benefit from recognizing your similarities, but in the end, those are also the people you're comparing yourself to. It makes you peers."

Cosby says women really deserve the opportunity to lean on and learn from each other. "Women do everything for everyone else. They put their dreams on hold, and they need to take the time to pursue what they want to do, even if it's just five minutes a day."

She says her experience with female networking taught her that even if you don't have the means to start a business, "You don't need them. There are virtual offices, blogs and a lot of free or inexpensive ways to get yourself out there." She can't quit being a legal eagle to do the blog full time yet, but she dreams of the day that her networking connections will lead her to a life that doesn't include trials or traffic.

"I totally plan to move somewhere by the beach and never work again," she says. "I don't know if it will be PoliChicks Online that will take me there, but I'm definitely not going to spend the rest of my life working." LYNN THORNE



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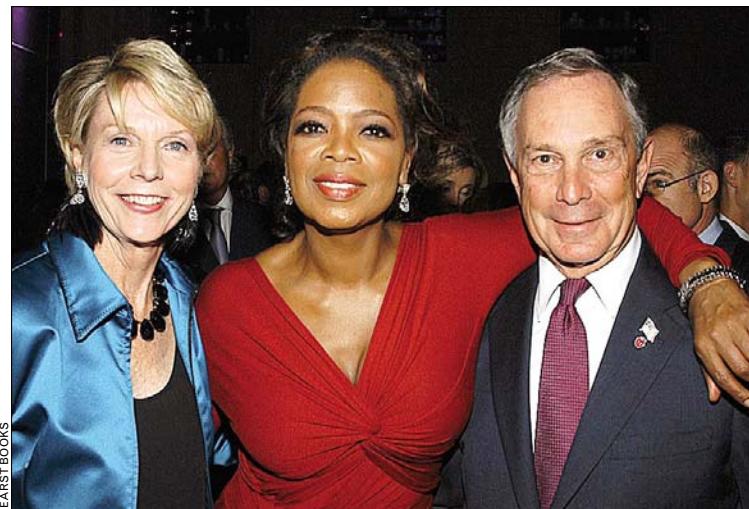
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Cathie Black's career lets her hang with Oprah Winfrey and Michael Bloomberg.

Tips From A Biz Wiz

A magazine mogul lets women in on how to excel on the job and in life

By any standard, Cathie Black has achieved success. As president of Hearst Magazines, she oversees 145 international editions of some of America's best-known publications. She helped launch O, the Oprah Magazine and CosmoGirl.

The publishing honcho's new book, "Basic Black: The Essential Guide for Getting Ahead at Work (and in Life)," (\$25, Crown Business), is filled with advice and observations from decades of corporate life. Black's tips range from the conventional — "Don't take no for an answer" — to the more unusual "Think of your boss as a small woodland animal — make no startling moves or surprising gestures."

We chatted with this grad of D.C.'s Trinity University, who also made her mark here as president and publisher of USA Today and as president and CEO of the Newspaper Association of America.

Why did you write this book?

To be a one-on-one mentor with the reader — a coach that can be with

you in a tote bag, on your desk or by your bedside. When I was starting out, it would have been great to have a guide that could give me the ground rules of getting ahead and help me figure out how to balance my career with the other parts of my life. My hope is that "Basic Black" can play a mentoring role.

So, the book is aimed only at women? Any age range or career fields?

I wrote this book for women just starting out in their careers as well as women who are a rung higher and worried that they're going to stall there. I wrote it for women who have made it to the managerial level and are now breathing thinner air. And I wrote it for women who can see the brass ring and worry that the only barrier between them and it is themselves.

You start the book by discussing a dumb mistake early in your career. Is highlighting your own mistakes or inabilities a good tactic to put others at ease, or does it come off as weak and "female"?

Mistakes happen — the best thing you can do is manage the outcome and be sure to learn something. Someone once said you can make a big mistake or you can make a bad mistake — just don't make a big, bad mistake. In the book, I talk

about missteps that I felt women could learn from.

For example, when I started as president at USA Today, I assumed everyone on the business side of the paper would be working for me. On my first day, one of the sales guys told me he would not be reporting to me. It made no sense at the time, and I was angry. But I had not gotten those details straightened out before I accepted the position, and that was my mistake. The lesson? Make sure you know all the facts before saying "yes" to the big title.

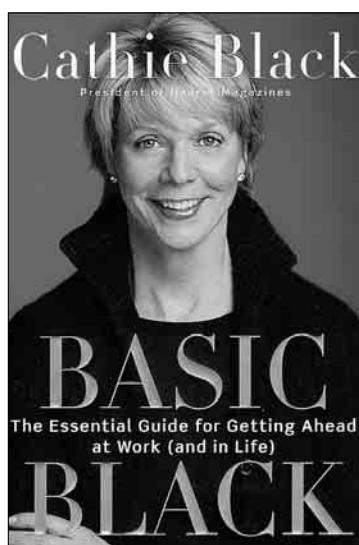
You spent 13 years in Washington, a conservatively dressed city. If someone here went to an interview in "fashion-forward" attire

— as you mentioned they do in New York — it would raise eyebrows. Advice?

You never want to feel uncomfortable or make anyone else uncomfortable with your appearance. For the interview, I recommend erring on the side of conservative. Then pay close attention while you are in the offices of your potential employer: If the people working there seem to be dressed more casually, or fashion-forward, then it is probably OK for you to do the same.

How should someone cultivate a mentor? Is your boss the best choice?

A boss can certainly be a mentor — mine was. I encourage everyone to



Cathie Black's book doles out advice on conquering the corporate world.

seek out a mentor, but I don't believe there needs to be a formal "mentoring" relationship, with weekly meetings or canned career advice. Ideally, it is more organic and satisfying. If you find someone you admire, cultivate the relationship by asking for that person's honest advice and guidance. Hopefully, you will have found a friend who will be rooting for you as you move up.

Suppose you work in a dictatorship, where it's arbitrary who's valued and who's not. Any way to get the boss' attention without ticking him off?

Do whatever you can to make your boss look good. Make sure you are prepared with answers for any questions she may have, and never sur-

prise her. Give both good and bad news in a timely manner, and whenever you have a problem, try to suggest a solution. Your boss has a boss too, and helping her manage that relationship by being reliable and dependable will get you noticed.

It sounds counterintuitive to "seed a meeting," as you suggest, by getting "buy-in" or support from attendees ahead of time instead of presenting your ideas at the gathering. Are meetings not the place for new ideas?

I learned my lesson about getting buy-in in advance at my first board meeting for New York magazine. I was publisher at the time and very

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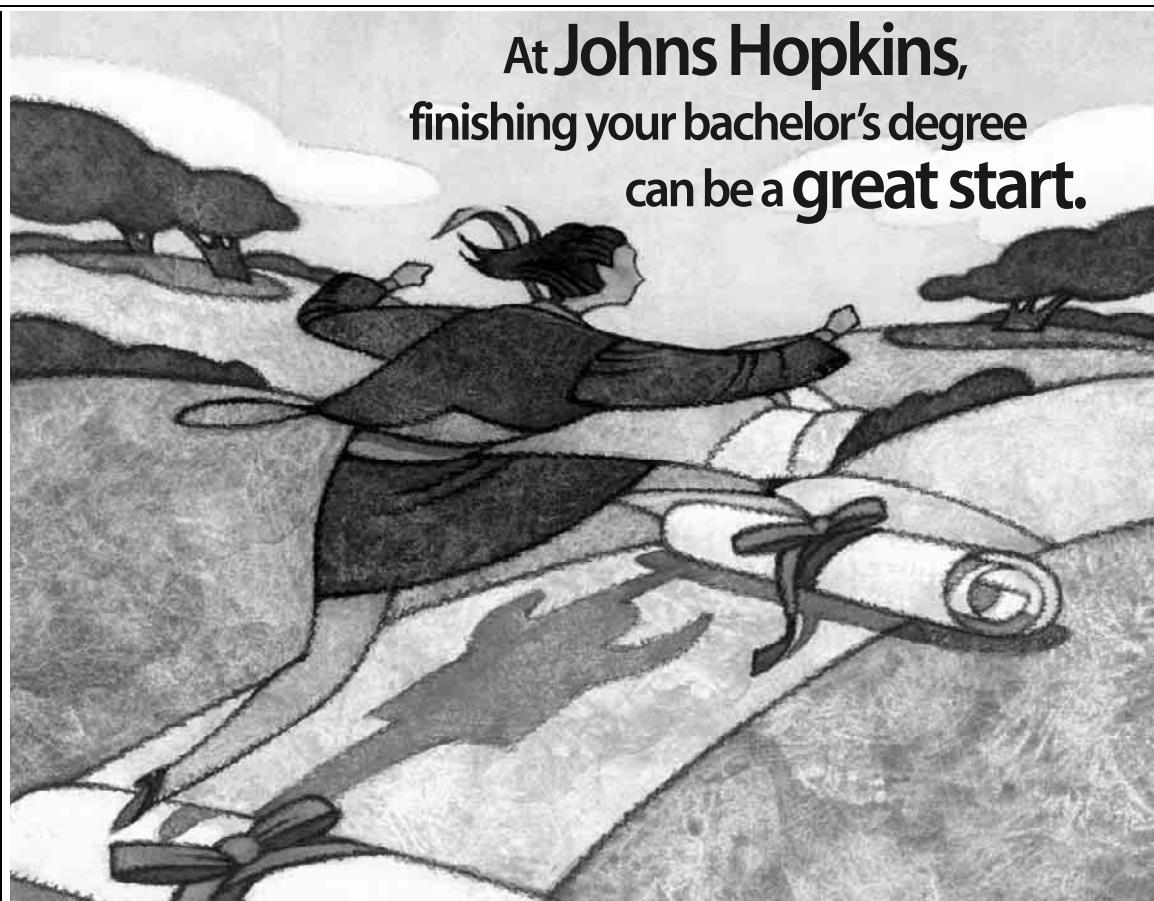
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comfortable being in "selling mode." When I got into the room, I started pitching like crazy. A colleague later told me that is not how things get done in board meetings.

His criticism stung at the time, but I realized he was right: the concept of getting buy-in in advance is all part of the idea that to be successful, you need to be very, very well prepared. Knowing that you have colleagues on your side in advance minimizes surprises later on.

Many of your suggestions for business — don't hold grudges, forgive yourself and others, learn from mistakes — could apply to personal life as well. Do the two go together? Yes, these tips and lessons are not just for your life at work. It is all part of living a 360-degree life — fulfillment in all areas.

You've mentioned something called "the 360-degree life." Is that a 21st-century version of "having it all"? "Having it all" is a phrase that was coined to denote one kind of life: a woman juggling a career and children at the same time. I believe

that women today have varied priorities and, luckily, the flexibility to do things in stages. That is why the phrase used by Oprah Winfrey really says it best — "Live your best life" — and there are all kinds of ways to do that.

If your choice is to have a career and children at the same time, figure out the best way to make it work for you: Find a caregiver that you trust implicitly so that you can go to your office every day knowing your kids are in good hands, then carve out undisturbed time on the weekends and after work to be with them.

Maybe you prefer to take a hiatus from your career and raise children. Make that your priority, and when the kids have grown, think about how to live your best life at that point, and if that means returning to work, do it!

There are so many options today that didn't exist when the term "having it all" was first introduced. Take advantage of them, and live the life that works for you.

Overall, though, the book's advice seems geared more toward the driven business side, the numbers-crunching side. How can people in the more

creative or people-oriented jobs use your experience as a guide?

The book is not at all geared to numbers crunching. My entire career has been surrounded by creative people. Anyone working inside or outside the home can benefit from practical, humorous, honest tips and strategies about how to make the most out of your workday and your life outside the office. Work is not enough: The only way to be fulfilled is by living a 360-degree life, with a rich existence outside of the office. That applies to women — and men — at all levels of their careers. ELLEN RYAN

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REALLY DIGGING IT: Sandy Farber courted a criminology career before getting her hands dirty as a master gardener. Now, she teaches others that it's easy to be green.

in Southwest.

She has trained about 240 adult master gardeners, who have given thousands of hours of volunteer service to the city. She also created and teaches the junior master-gardener program for grades three

Landscape design courses taught Sandy Farber about plant diseases, irrigation and cultivation.

through eight.

"I like the variety of people and plants," she says. "I serve all socio-economic groups, all education levels. Maybe I'll win the lottery and start a garden-related nonprofit for kids."

In a way, she's already done both. Partly for reinvigorating D.C.'s master-gardener program and leading innovative projects around the city, Farber won a 2006 Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished D.C. Government Employees, which came with a \$7,500 check.

Most of the questions she gets from clients are about trees and turf, so her next goal is to become a certified arborist. Meanwhile, Farber has begun classes in entomology — the science of insects — at the University of Maryland College of Agriculture & Natural Resources (Agri.umd.edu).

"Going back to school at any age lets you keep growing and learning and keeps your mind sharp," says Farber, 43. "Sometimes people get in a rut at work because they're scared or don't want to cut back financially. I tell students to put money away and get out of debt; that way, they can go back to school when they want a change."

The main connection between Farber's two careers is public service, but the differences stand out. Recently, she was meeting with kids at Oak Hill, the District's youth detention center. One question was whether she felt intimidated about being in a jail. "Nah," she said later, "I've worked in jails. Being outdoors with your hands in the dirt is 100 percent opposite. And plants don't talk back to you."

ELLEN RYAN

Life in Greener Pastures

A onetime court commissioner turns over a new leaf as a gardener

"Dad and I had our father-daughter bonding days of leaf-raking and grass-mowing," says Sandy Farber, a cooperative-extension agent and master-gardener coordinator at the University of the District of Columbia. As a teen, "I trimmed the shrubs until the day the electric trimmer hit a hornet's nest. I got stung five times."

Not a bright beginning to a career in horticulture. Maybe that's why she took another tack first.

Farber, a Montgomery County native, studied journalism and criminology at the University of Maryland. After two internships with the state's attorney's office, a colleague suggested she go to work

for the magistrate.

"At 23, I was the youngest appointed district court commissioner in Maryland," she says. For 11 years, it was a "Law & Order" existence: An "essential employee," Farber issued arrest warrants, determined bond, testified at hearings, and arraigned infamous murderer Hayden Clark.

Planning to move into federal law enforcement, she passed the CIA entrance exam and was going for her polygraph tests when the agency imposed a hiring freeze.

Now what? "I knew a guy with beautiful houseplants," she says. "He

had a bachelor's and a master's in agriculture and had worked in a nursery. That's then the light went on for me."

Farber got a job at Behnke's Nurseries Company, then at Smith

& Hawken garden boutique in Georgetown. She heard about George Washington University's landscape-design courses and enrolled in 1999; certificates in landscape design and sustainable landscapes are offered in downtown D.C., Ashburn, and Alexandria (202-973-1130; Nearyou.gwu.edu/landscape).

"The best part was that classes were held outside," she says. "We'd go over trees, shrubs, vines and learn their needs, diseases, pests, irrigation and cultivation." Working full-time as well, she finished the certificate in 2002.

During those studies, Farber took a quarter off to pursue a related course: becoming a master gardener. (Master gardeners pitch in to beautify communities and teach others about the basics of horticul-

Change Artists

ture.) UDC, the District's land-grant university, offers this horticultural training in the dormant season. For certification, students take eight weeks of training, pass an exam and donate 50 hours of volunteer work. Farber did hers at the Washington Youth Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum. That certification, plus the GWU course work, helped her land her current job as an environmental and natural-resources extension agent.

Paid by the city (depending on education, experience, achievements and workload, cooperative-extension agents earn between \$38,000 and about \$90,000 per year) Farber does site visits to advise District residents on yards, gardens and trees. She identifies weeds, solves turf problems, speaks to civic and school groups, and helps with community projects, at least one per ward, such as a Sept. 11 memorial garden at Leckie Elementary School



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Beth Hanley, left, had an internship with Pact Cambodia in 2006. Here, she interviews villagers in an empowerment project.

World Job Market

Do-good careers can be hard to get into, but rewards and trips are great

Armed with a Georgetown University diploma, Beth Hanley embarked in her 20s on a path hoping to become a professional world-saver. First, she worked at nonprofit Bread for the World. Then she taught middle school English in central Africa with the Peace Corps. Finally, to certify her idealism, she graduated last spring with a master's degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins University.

But now the 29-year-old faces a predicament shared by many young strivers in Washington's public interest field. After years of amassing so many achievements, they struggle to find full-time employment with decent pay and realize they might not get exactly what they set out for. Hanley, a think tank temp who dreams of aiding the impoverished and reducing gender discrimination in developing countries, is stuck.

"I knew this would be difficult," said Hanley, an Illinois native who lives in Adams Morgan. "A lot of people say, 'At some point, you're going to have to decide to explore other options,' and I guess I would start applying for jobs in other fields I don't care so much about. But I haven't gotten at all to that point."

Numerous young Washingtonian bemoan the improvisational and protracted career track of the area's public interest profession. They say the high competition for comparatively low-paying jobs saps their sense of adulthood, forcing them to spend their 20s or early 30s moving from college to work to graduate school and back to work that might be temporary.

These wannabe world-changers — ubiquitous in Washington, New York and San Francisco — appear to be part of a larger demographic trend in which this age group is pushing off marriage and kids. The do-gooders' wanderings often clash with the expectations of parents who want them to stay longer in jobs and settle down.

"The public interest sector is a poorly funded one, and its organi-

zations cannot afford to pay highly educated young people anything like what they would command on the open market. That makes it difficult for these young adults in their 20s to contemplate long careers," said William Galston of the Brookings Institution, author of "The Changing 20s," a study published last month. "But that doesn't mean they're willing to forgo the opportunity to work there."

Many globally minded people choose to work for nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, that advocate certain causes. Others opt for higher pay at the State Department, the World Bank, financial firms or consulting companies that specialize in emerging markets and international development. But getting any of these jobs, especially those based overseas, is tough.

Those who select the NGO route say they have it the hardest.

Valerie Schaeublin, 28, a program officer specializing in international affairs for a Washington nonprofit, was fortunate to begin her career at one organization and stay there for five years. Now, she is restless and fears that her NGO has limited upward mobility. But

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she also worries whether her ambition has atrophied.

"It's a stagnant time. It's confused by the fact that I am happy, but I know I need to move on to something else," said Schaeublin, who coordinates State Department-sponsored trips by foreign leaders to the United States. "Maybe you forgo the next step because you're comfortable. But responsibilities are weighing in on you. You're not 22 anymore."

Even though premium NGO jobs have always been relatively scarce, more people seem to be angling for that world. The number of international affairs grad school applicants to Georgetown, Johns Hopkins and George Washington universities rose 63 percent in the five years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks compared with the total



Beth Hanley participates in an informational interview with Steven Rozner of Development Alternative Inc., a nonprofit firm.

from the previous five years, data from the schools show. Enrollment in the programs increased more than 30 percent in the five years after the attacks, and the percentage of applicants admitted declined.

Those who graduate from the prestigious schools often start with a salary comparable to the annual tuition. At GWU's Elliott School of International Affairs, where tuition exceeds \$40,000 per year, graduates who pursued nonprofit work found a market in which the average salary ranged from \$38,000 to \$48,000, according to the program's 2005-06 employment report.

Dina Khanat, 26, in her second and final year at the Elliott School, said she is grateful for her job but at the same time feels stalled.

"I feel like I am doing so bad.

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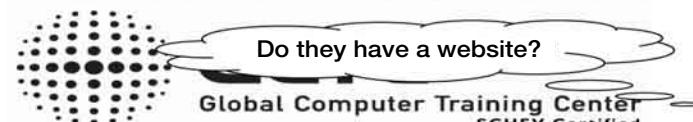
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I think about this all the time. I graduated at 21 a year early with a double major. Now I am going to graduate with a master's when I am 27," said Khanat, who just got a job as a program assistant at an NGO that promotes democracy. "But I really feel like, by 27, I expect to be two or three years into work. You're supposed to have a career. I don't feel settled."

Of thousands of NGOs in the region, many focus on such issues as children's health or farmer education in developing countries. But the supply of jobs is limited because the organizations have lean budgets built from government funding and private donations, said Barbara Wallace, vice president for member-

ship and standards at InterAction, an NGO umbrella group.

Chief executives for NGOs, Wallace said, have told her: "Well, yeah, if we had the money, we'd be doing more. We can never hire as many as we want to hire." Wallace said her organization drew more than 100 applicants for a policy associate position. "The industry really needs to look at how to provide more avenues for young, educated people," she said.

Grad school officials say the issue surfaces constantly.

"We spend a lot of time here on goals clarification," said Martin Tillman, associate director of career services at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins. "Students come into my office and think, 'I am a smart kid; I got into a great graduate school.'

I had wonderful grades in college. It should be a piece of cake to identify a position for myself. One has to clarify that — and one has to be

Salaries in public interest jobs tend to be far lower than in other fields.

clear about the range of salary."

Young people maneuvering within the NGO landscape say an odd feeling settles in by the time they are ready to start a job: They feel "old," but they don't truly feel like adults because they earn modest salaries and have limited responsibilities. Galston's study reported

that about 30 percent of those in their late 20s and early 30s had mixed views on whether they had reached adulthood.

One night last month, Hanley had beers at the Topaz Hotel in Dupont Circle with a friend who had also just earned an international affairs degree and was job hunting.

"I have friends who did investment banking," Hanley said. "They were making more when they were 22. I don't think I'll ever make that. They seem more grown-up. But they seem miserable. Wait — they seem fine. I would be miserable if I were them." She continued: "A couple of them made comments to me suggesting I haven't grown up."

At least for now, Hanley said, disillusionment has not set in. Indeed, she just turned down an offer from a for-profit consulting

firm to manage a government contract. It paid well, but she was not ready to jump off the international aid track.

She's still holding out for a job that takes her to Africa for health projects and gender relations issues. As she continues temping, Hanley scours e-mail forums for job possibilities and sets up interviews — some real, some informational.

One evening, she stumbled upon an intriguing posting. The Open Society Institute was advertising a "mid-level" position to develop strategies and identify priorities for its mission in Africa.

"They want someone with a law degree, but they will consider advanced degrees in a related field," she said, head nodding, hopefully. "I could apply to this."

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Ho-Mei Chen, 65, a nurse at Holy Cross Hospital, decided not to retire yet because she enjoys the work and the paycheck.

Prime-Time Lineup

Older workers are staying on the job longer and getting more satisfaction

It was 77 degrees outside. Not a cloud in the sky. Just the sort of weekday that 65-year-old nurse Ho-Mei Chen once imagined she'd be spending in the park with her grandchildren. Or on which 68-year-old hospital administrator Marie Warren once pictured herself tending to her begonias. Or on which 68-year-old medical staff services director Joan Morton might have gone out for lunch with friends.

Instead, all three women were at work inside Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, among the nearly one in three Washington-area residents 65 to 74 who are postponing retirement beyond the age at which most Americans used to consider it a right.

"There are mornings when I wake up and think, 'It would be nice to call in sick,'" Morton said. "But when I turned 65, I wasn't ready to retire. Plus, I wanted to get myself in a financially stable place."

The trend is national: From 2000 to 2006, the proportion of

65- to 74-year-olds who remained in the labor force increased from nearly one in five to one in four, according to census figures.

When employees decide to postpone retirement, it can present complications to employers. Morton speaks of working past 70, but she swears she will not be like a recent retiree who stayed on at the hospital even as her faculties became diminished. "It was awkward," Morton said.

Still, most employers welcome older workers, said Arthur Rothkopf, senior vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "Our members have been telling us that there is a significant shortage of skilled workers," he said. "Seniors are some of the most skilled members of the work force. There is an incentive for companies to find ways to keep them."

Kevin Dameron, chief engineer at a downtown Washington building, certainly appreciates the dedication of longtime security guard William L. Johnson, who is 85. "I can set my watch by him. He's here every day at quarter to seven sharp," Dameron said. "In general, older people are more reliable."

Nowhere, perhaps, is that sense of responsibility more evident than

in the Washington area, where many members of the region's highly educated work force seem determined to remain professionally engaged until their last breath.

"We have a lot of Type-A people. They don't want to get out of the loop," said Russell E. Morgan, president of the Washington-based nonprofit SPRY Foundation, which seeks ways to keep people fulfilled as they age.

Of course, the region has plenty of highly skilled people older than 65 who direct their talents toward volunteer work. William Johnston, 80, a retired Nuclear Regulatory Commission chemist who lives in a Montgomery County retirement community, spends most of his time building cabinets with Habitat for Humanity.

Still, many high-powered local residents worry that even volunteering may not be sufficiently satisfying, said Morgan, who at 64 has more than a professional interest in the topic. "There's a difference between how much people respect you when you're volunteering as compared to when you're employed," he said. "They'll ask you to do tasks that don't require any decision-making."

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